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'A SPANKING, NOT A BEATING'

Allied Warplanes Hit Iraqi Missile Sites

More than 100 U.S., British and French aircraft attacked missile launchers and related targets in southern Iraq on Wednesday night, and President George Bush sent a battalion-sized task force to Kuwait in response to weeks of provocations by President Saddam Hussein.

To remove missiles in the no-flight zone south of the 32d parallel that were considered a threat to allied aircraft. The White House spokesman, Martin Fitzwater, said the coalition partners reserved the right to hit Iraq again without warning if it continued to defy UN resolutions.

The attacking aircraft included F-117 Stealth fighters, F-111 fighter-bombers and a range of other aircraft from the U.S. carrier Kitty Hawk and land bases in Saudi Arabia. More than 30 British and French aircraft, including GR1 ground-attack Tornado aircraft and Mirage-3000 interceptors, also participated.

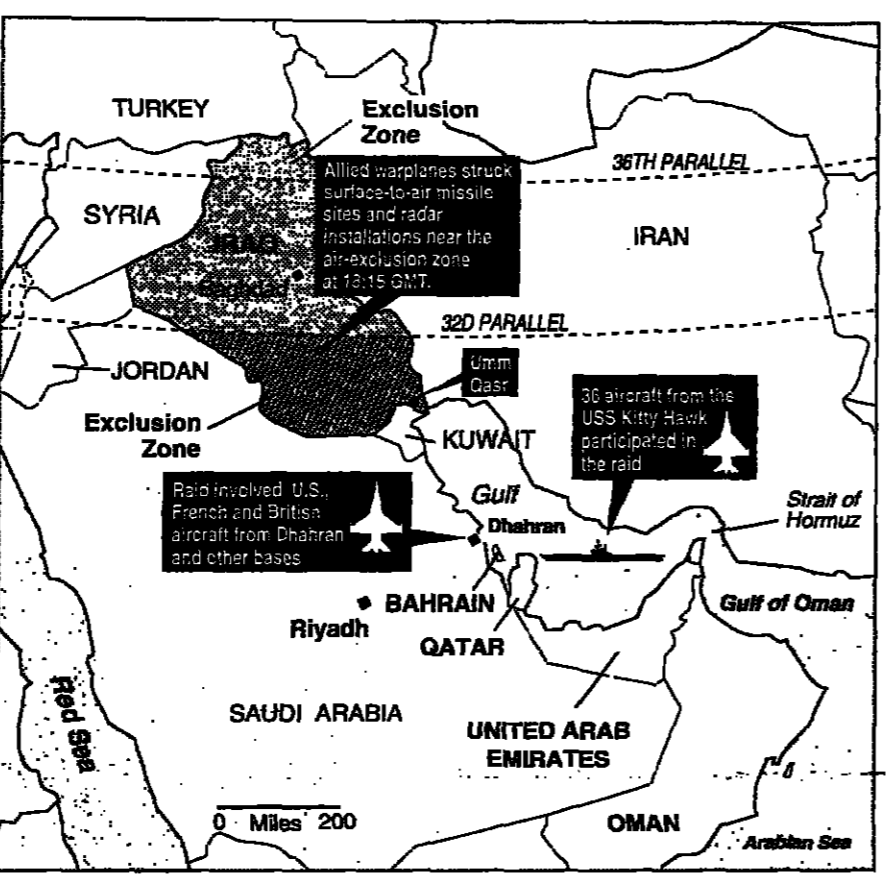
Mr. Clinton's spokesman, asked Wednesday if the president-elect would continue the no-warning policy after his inauguration on Jan. 20, said Mr. Clinton would "do what it takes to ensure compliance with the UN resolutions."

Mr. Fitzwater said that Baghdad had been given 48 hours on Jan. 6 to ensure that Iraqi aircraft and surface-to-air missiles posed no threat to allied planes in the no-flight zone.

led coalition's air strikes on Iraq began, on Jan. 17, 1991. Those strikes launched the UN-sanctioned effort to drive Iraqi forces from Kuwait. It also came as Mr. Bush entered the final week of his presidency.

Punitive Raid Pinpoints Launchers And Radars

PARIS — The U.S.-led air strike against Iraq on Wednesday was a carefully tailored punitive raid against missile launchers and radar stations posing a threat to allied planes in the no-flight zone in southern Iraq.



Saddam Hussein, in a photo from Iraqi TV, right, with colleagues on Wednesday.



Bonn Coalition Agrees on Forces Abroad

BONN — Chancellor Helmut Kohl's coalition parties agreed Wednesday on a draft amendment to the 1949 constitution that for the first time would let German troops take part in international peacekeeping operations sanctioned by the United Nations and other bodies.

stage, the government parties agreed to try to end a long political impasse that has prevented German participation in foreign military missions.

But whether the opposition Social Democrats would agree to the constitutional change, as they would have to do for the amendment to pass, was not clear.

Post-Chernobyl Power Critics Fear a Disaster in Buildup

MOSCOW — The Russian government has approved an ambitious program of nuclear power plant construction, ending a moratorium inspired by the 1986 Chernobyl disaster that sent radioactivity swirling across Europe, according to documents and interviews.

Yevgeni Reshetnikov, deputy minister for atomic energy, said in an interview that the design had been improved to prevent a similar accident, but Western experts here maintained that the inherent dangers of a Chernobyl-type plant could not be eliminated.

Kiosk

Israel Lists More Deportee Errors JERUSALEM (NYT) — Israel said Wednesday night that it had made even more mistakes than initially thought in choosing the more than 400 Palestinians who were deported to Lebanon last month from the occupied territories.

Table with market data including Dow Jones, Trib Index, The Dollar, and Yen. Includes columns for 'Down' and 'Up' values.



Honecker, Released from Prison, Flies to Exile in Chile Erich Honecker, the former East German leader, on a plane to Frankfurt, the first leg of his flight to Chile. A majority of Germans — East and West — are opposed to the court's decision to end his manslaughter trial. Page 2.

In Modern Money Markets, Movement Is the Message

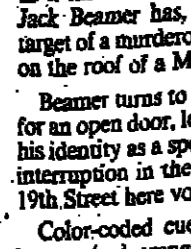
LONDON — The currency market, the world's largest financial market and arguably its least visible one, is dominated today not by the courtly central bankers and stately industrialists of yore but by rafts of faceless money managers operating from computer-clogged trading rooms in cities around the globe.

don. With billions to invest, he explains, money people seek the highest earning investments while fearing all the while that if they fail — if their performance, which is tracked quarterly, sinks below par — they will be dismissed. There is also what is called the "prudent man" rule, which in the United States legally binds fund managers to maximize returns for investors.

Getting a Grip on Flicks: The Viewers Call the Shots

NEW YORK — On screen, the moment of truth has arrived. In a taut little thriller called "I'm Your Man," the cloddish Jack Beamer has, through a series of mishaps, become the target of a murderous corporate renegade who has him trapped on the roof of a Manhattan building.

are electronically tallied, and Jack, after momentarily deliberating, responds to the will of the people. The audience whoops with delight. For decades, films and television have transmitted their messages to audiences. Now audiences are discovering the novel sensation of transmitting back. "I'm Your Man," which opened Dec. 18, is the first theatrical showing of a live-action interactive film. Some companies have already applied the same principle to video games in which players manipulate images of human beings rather than computer-generated stick figures.



Color-coded cues flash on the screen, matched to three buttons (red, orange and green) on a black pistol grip affixed to the right armrest of each seat. It being New York, the audience screams "Jump!" while pressing the buttons. The votes

120 Nations Sign On for Ban on Chemical Weapons

By Alan Riding
New York Times Service

PARIS — In what has been hailed as the first attempt to eliminate an entire category of weapons of mass destruction, more than 120 nations, including the United States and Russia, began signing an agreement Wednesday to ban the production, stockpiling and use of chemical weapons.

Most countries thought to possess chemical weapons have agreed to sign the agreement. Some Arab countries decided to withhold adherence to the treaty to protest Israel's refusal to accept the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty of 1967.

Since then, UN Security Council resolutions have forced Iraq to begin destroying its chemical weapons stockpiles under international supervision. No Iraqi delegation was present at Wednesday's ceremony and Baghdad has given no indication whether it will later accept the treaty.

So many Middle East countries were absent, Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia, Mauritania and Iran were signing the treaty. And Libya, Jordan, Yemen, Kuwait and Oman have now indicated they will do so this week.



Two Marines patrolling the rubble-strewn green line district of Mogadishu on Wednesday following some casualties by sniper fire.

A U.S. Marine Is Killed in Mogadishu

MOGADISHU — A Somali gunman shot and wounded a U.S. Navy medic on Wednesday hours after sniper fire killed a U.S. Marine.

U.S. troops went on high alert Wednesday after the Marine was killed in an ambush of a night patrol near Mogadishu airport. He was the first foreign soldier to be shot and killed since the start of the U.S.-led Operation Restore Hope on Dec. 9.

More than 22,500 U.S. military personnel, including those aboard ships offshore, are involved in the Somali aid mission. About 10,000 U.S. Marines are in Mogadishu.

Saddam's Defiance Precipitated Raids

By Youssef M. Ibrahim
New York Times Service

CAIRO — The air raids over Iraq by allied forces were preceded by bold and defiant acts ordered by Baghdad as Iraqi salvage crews crossed Kuwait's borders for the fourth day in a row and Iraq revived its claim of being the rightful owner of the tiny emirate.

These steps followed a stream of other defiant acts, including the reported deployment of surface-to-air missiles in regions where they threatened allied flights over northern and southern Iraq and the refusal to allow United Nations inspectors to fly to Baghdad in UN aircraft.

U.S. Says Iraqis Fired Missile at American Plane

WASHINGTON — An Iraqi MIG-23 fired a heat-seeking missile at a U.S. warplane on Dec. 27, U.S. officials say.

RAID: Missiles Targeted

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Serb Stakes Job on Peace Plan

GENEVA — Radovan Karadzic, the leader of the Bosnian Serbs, predicted on Wednesday that Serbian deputies would approve a new constitution for Bosnia-Herzegovina, but he said he expected a tough battle over the plan.

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Honecker Leaves For Exile in Chile

Polls Find Germans Opposed

By Marc Fisher
Washington Post Service

BERLIN — Erich Honecker's three-year odyssey from omnipotent leader of Communist East Germany to outcast symbol of oppression ended Wednesday with his release from a Berlin jail and flew to join his wife in exile in Chile.

German media reports bubbled with details guaranteed to feed the bitterness of many East Germans. The solidarity committee of Mr. Honecker's Communist supporters has raised more than \$300,000 — more than half of which reportedly was contributed by Yasser Arafat, whose Palestine Liberation Organization operatives were given refuge and terrorism training by East Germany's secret police.

GERMANY: Accord on Troops

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ment that would require advance approval by parliament before German troops could be sent anywhere.

WORLD BRIEFS

Palestinians to Boycott Peace Talks

JERUSALEM (AP) — The Palestinian delegation to Middle East peace talks announced Wednesday it would boycott negotiations until the 415 Palestinians expelled by Israel were permitted to return.

Conservatives Ally for French Ballot

PARIS (Reuters) — France's two main conservative parties agreed to join forces in most constituencies for parliamentary elections in March, in which they are favored to remove the governing Socialists from power, politicians said Wednesday.

Felber, Swiss Leader, to Step Down

BERN (AP) — René Felber, who as president led a failed attempt to win popular approval for Switzerland's joining a huge European market, said Wednesday he would resign as foreign minister in March.

Fighting Spreads to Angola's South

LUANDA, Angola (Reuters) — War has broken out on another front in Angola, with government forces and UNITA rebels battling on Wednesday for the southeastern provincial capital of Menongue a day after they hit oil wells in the north, government reports said.

Tokyo Presses Review of Troop Issue

TOKYO (AP) — Japan's governing party said Wednesday that it would propose creating a parliamentary panel to review Japan's constitution, the focus of angry debate over the use of force overseas.

Aristide Asks UN to Help Cut Exodus

MIAMI (NYT) — In a bid to forestall a huge new outflow of refugees, the Reverend Jean-Bertrand Aristide, Haiti's deposed president, formally requested the United Nations on Wednesday to deploy a large observer team in his nation as the first step in international diplomatic efforts aimed at restoring him to office.

Don't Blame Us, Keating Tells U.K.

CANBERRA (Reuters) — Prime Minister Paul Keating angrily attacked Britain on Wednesday over its World War II strategy, joining a national outcry over allegations of Australian wartime cowardice.

Correction

An article in the Leisure pages of Jan. 8 inaccurately reported the site of the Arab League's headquarters. They were moved back to Cairo in 1990 after 10 years in Tunis.

TRAVEL UPDATE

More than 100 closed-circuit video cameras will be installed at the Kuala Lumpur international airport to improve security after two major fires, the chief of airport security, Mahat Samah, said Wednesday. New metal detectors and X-ray machines also are being installed.

BUTTONS: Interactive Film Audiences Help Thicken the Plots

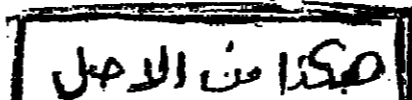
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shot on 16mm film and then transferred to laser disk. Bob Bejan, the president of Controlled Entropy, wrote the script and directed.

The pleasure lies in triggering different plot variations in repeated viewings — for a \$3 ticket, audiences can stay as long as they like. In addition, they are encouraged to yell a lot in an attempt to sway votes. Agitated viewers sometimes run frantically to empty seats, pressing extra buttons.

Mr. Bejan, a former adman who speaks fluent hyperbole, compares himself and Bill Franzblau, the executive vice president of Controlled Entropy, to the early pioneers of cinema. He describes a radiant future in which Controlled Entropy becomes a high-tech studio, providing what he calls "entertainment delivery systems" to distributors, just like the Hollywood studios.

trophy now give a combination pop talk and lecture before each showing of the film.



TRANSITION / SHOULDER TO SHOULDER

Christopher Backs Force in Iraq, and Maybe on Serbs

POLITICAL NOTES

Brown Gala Canceled Over Ethics Questions

WASHINGTON — A lavish inaugural gala honoring Commerce Secretary-designate Ronald H. Brown was canceled on Wednesday after reports that corporations were helping to pay for the affair...

Lifting of Military's Gay Ban, but Quietly

WASHINGTON — Senior aides to President-elect Bill Clinton, who is under pressure from the military to back off his commitment to lift the ban on homosexuals in the armed services...

Conservative Republicans Rally for a Fight

WASHINGTON — Leaders of the conservative wing of the Republican Party have created an organization to be their intellectual and power base during the coming battle to define the party and the political right.

Journalist Set to Direct East European Aid

WASHINGTON — Strobe Talbott, a Time magazine columnist, appears set to be the administrator for aid to Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union in the Clinton administration.

Quote-Unquote

On the scramble in Congress for tickets to inaugural events, Peggy Wildide, press secretary for Senator Charles S. Robb, Democrat of Virginia: "It's dog-eat-dog, every member for himself."

WASHINGTON — Secretary of State-designate Warren M. Christopher on Wednesday backed the use of force against Iraq and promised a tougher U.S. policy to halt Serbian aggression in the war in the former Yugoslavia.

In his confirmation hearing, Mr. Christopher told the Senate Foreign Relations Committee that President-elect Bill Clinton stood shoulder-to-shoulder with President George Bush in his showdown with the Iraqi president, Saddam Hussein.

Departing from a prepared statement, Mr. Christopher said: "I say with great determination that Saddam Hussein should not doubt for a second that we, the incoming administration, will meet that test."

Mr. Christopher also said Mr. Clinton would push for more effective international action, possibly including force, to compel Serbia to halt the war in the former Yugoslavia.

"I can assure you that this administration will vigorously pursue concerted action with our European allies and international bodies to end the slaughter in Bosnia," he said.

Outlining his general philosophy in the conduct of world affairs, Mr. Christopher said that the "discreet and careful use of force in certain circumstances — and its credible threat in general — will be essential to the success of our diplomacy and foreign policy."

deputy secretary of state from 1977 to 1980. Since then, he has headed a major law firm in Los Angeles. He has the reputation of being a cautious and secretive man who believes in the power of diplomacy to achieve results.

During the hearing, Mr. Christopher denied reports that as a deputy attorney general in the 1960s he was aware of surveillance by military intelligence agents of anti-Vietnam War protesters.

"I had no knowledge of the kinds of covert surveillance and infiltration that came to light after I came to office," he said.

arms control agreements with Russia and policy toward Iraq. But he also indicated some possible changes.

On China, Mr. Christopher said the United States could not ignore continued reports that Beijing was exporting sensitive military equipment and abusing human rights.

A major theme of the statement was the need to work harder to prevent the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction.

Iran Hostage Panel Sees No Reagan Deal

By Neil A. Lewis, New York Times Service. WASHINGTON — A bipartisan House panel has concluded that there is no merit to the persistent accusations that people associated with the 1980 presidential campaign of Ronald Reagan struck a secret deal with Iran to delay the release of American hostages until after the election.

The summary, distributed Tuesday, describes the report as "the most thorough and complete investigation and analysis of the October Surprise allegations to date."

More than 230 people were interviewed in several countries by 10 lawyers and six investigators working for the House October Surprise Task Force.

The Reagan campaign, the report said, was fearful that President Jimmy Carter would arrange a last-minute agreement to free the 52 hostages in the final month of the election campaign, or that he would spring an October Surprise.

The summary said the panel had obtained original records from the Madrid hotel where meetings between Mr. Casey were said to have occurred, as well as telephone records and credit card receipts.

With respect to the alleged meetings in Madrid, the task force found that the evidence allegedly supporting each of these meetings was neither from credible sources nor corroborated.

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The summary also noted that Mr. Casey did not travel to Madrid as claimed. This summary does not contain the hundreds of pages of documents that support that assertion.

The panel said it had conclusive evidence that Mr. Ben-Menashe was not in Paris in that period.



LEAVING THE STAGE — Secretary of Defense Dick Cheney, after he delivered a farewell address at Fort Meyers, Virginia.

Save Freedonia? Enlist New Lawmakers

By Howard Kurtz, Washington Post Service

WASHINGTON — You're a freshman member of Congress. You're doing a live radio interview by phone. A New York talk-show host tosses you a curveball: "What should we be doing to stop the ethnic cleansing in Freedonia?"

Normal person's response: "Freedonia? Isn't that the fictional country in the Marx Brothers film 'Duck Soup'?"

Representative Inseele said: "I thought the interview was strange. I remember thinking, 'Why in heck would a radio station want to talk to someone from Selah, Washington? I guess I got me.'"

Mr. Inseele said he thought the interviewer was talking about Bosnia. "If anyone had said Freedonia I would've remembered that, because I'm a big Groucho fan," he said.

Mr. Talent, the newcomer from Missouri, proved he has a bright political future when the bogus "Henry Rose Show" asked whether he is a dog or cat person.

Steve Buyer, Republican of Indiana: "Basically a dog person," he said. "I certainly, though, wouldn't want to offend my constituents who are cat people, and I should say that being, I hope, a sensitive person, that I have nothing against cats, and had cats when I was a boy, and if we didn't have the

two dogs, might very well be interested in having a cat now."

Mr. Smith said he thought the interviewer was talking about Somalia. "I don't even know Spy magazine," he said. "It wouldn't surprise me that people could name a lot of countries I'd never heard of."

As if the radio stunt wasn't enough, Spy also had someone pose as a "Donahue" producer and ask Capitol Hill aides why their members would make good guests for the television show.

Frank Guerra, an aide to Representative Henry Bonilla, Republican of Texas, said of his boss: "Quite honestly, he will look different. He's a, you know, minority."

He is an oddity, to be honest — he has a physical presence, an animal quality."

Mr. Guerra said later that Spy "got it wrong."

"I never said he had an animal quality. I may have said an animated quality."

He said he was simply explaining that Mr. Bonilla has come from a television background and has a good television presence.

Spy's editor, Kurt Andersen, was unrepentant. "Freshmen are freshmen," he said. "They deserve harassing and hazing. This will toughen them up and build their character early."

Senate POW Report: More Fuel for the Unending Debate

By Clifford Krauss, New York Times Service. WASHINGTON — No issue has been more enduring or painful over the last three decades than the fate of thousands of unaccounted-for U.S. servicemen taken prisoner or missing during the Vietnam War.

The report is perhaps most provocative in disclosing that American intelligence and military officials had hoped that about 40 imprisoned servicemen would be released in 1973, but instead only 12 were returned.

The committee criticized Washington's handling of intelligence information and inadequate disclosure of information to family members over the years, but it strenuously denied that any deliberate cover-up took place.

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NEWS ANALYSIS

17 months ago to put the controversy to rest. The panel offered comfort and information to scores of families about their loved ones. It succeeded

knowledge that there is no proof that U.S. POWs survived, but neither is there proof that all of those who did not return had died.

While the court's ruling opens the door to congressional action, it also suggests a role for the executive branch. Justice Anthony M. Kennedy noted that if state and local governments cannot protect property and people in the face of anti-abortion protesters, they can seek help from the U.S. attorney general, who could order federal marshals to a site.

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Raids Prompt No Israeli Moves

JERUSALEM — Israel is following the allied raids on Iraq but is not taking special civil defense measures against a possible Iraqi attack on the country, Israeli radio said Wednesday.

The United States and its Western allies launched air raids against Iraq on Wednesday in retaliation for repeated cease-fire violations, administration officials said.

"The army and the security administration are following the events in Iraq but say the matter does not relate to us directly and our interest is especially in what such an attack can cause in terms of the Iraq response," the radio said.

Away From Politics

- Endeavour hurtled into space with five astronauts on the first of eight missions planned for this year. The main goal of the six-day shuttle mission was the release of a two-and-a-half ton satellite, similar to four others in orbit, that allow astronauts to communicate almost continuously with Mission Control. They also link scientific satellites, such as the Hubble Space Telescope, with the ground. Felix Bloch, the diplomat dismissed for handling a bribe case to a Soviet agent in 1989, has been charged with shoplifting \$100 worth of groceries from a store in Chapel Hill, North Carolina, where he worked as a cashier. Toby Tims Wade was arrested on charges that he stabbed and killed a waiter in a California restaurant after he was asked to put out the cigarette he was smoking. Mr. Tims, 30, was being held in Sacramento County Jail on one count of murder. The man who underwent the second baboon-to-human liver transplant remained groggy from anesthesia after the operation in Pittsburgh. His doctor said he was satisfied with the progress of the 62-year-old patient. "I would say that his course so far isn't any different from human liver transplants," Dr. John Fung said. All 29 members of Texas Southern University's marching band caught shoplifting \$22,000 worth of electronics on a trip to Tokyo have been suspended for an indefinite period or placed on probation. A CIA employee fired after acknowledging he was homosexual in 1982 lost an 11-year fight to reclaim his job. The U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia rejected the claim of the man known only as "John Doe," holding that, among other things, he had failed to prove the CIA had a policy against employing homosexuals. A \$5-million balloon whose American and Russian crew hoped to be the first astronauts to circle the globe nonstop crashed on a mountainside near Reno, Nevada, minutes after it left the ground. The commander of the huge Earthwinds balloon, Larry Newman, and his crew, Major General Vladimir A. Dzhambikov, commander of Russian astronaut training, and Don Moses, a Hawaii builder, escaped injury. But the balloon was wrecked. A U.S. grand jury refused to indict Senator Charles S. Robb of Virginia on charges that he tried to embarrass his chief political rival, Governor L. Douglas Wilder, by conspiring with aides to release a secretly recorded tape of one of Mr. Wilder's private phone calls. AP, UPI, WP, NYT

High Court Backs Foes of Abortion

5-4 Ruling Limits Federal Intervention at Clinic Protests

By Joan Biskupic, Washington Post Service. WASHINGTON — In a decision that gives a vote of confidence to the anti-abortion movement, the Supreme Court ruled Wednesday that a federal civil rights law cannot be used to stop abortion protesters from blocking clinics.

The 6-to-3 decision, which said "there are common and respectable reasons for opposing" abortion, held that women who seek abortions are not a class to be protected by federal law, such as blacks became in the Reconstruction era.

The resolution of Bray v. Alexandria Women's Health Clinic, twice argued before the justices, means that a patchwork of state laws and local resources will be responsible for handling the tactics of Operation Rescue, an anti-abortion group.

Abortion rights groups assert that it might be harder to get an abortion because local police often have trouble breaking up Operation Rescue protests.

The court's opinion, written by Justice Antonin Scalia, comes seven months after the court narrowly affirmed the constitutional right to abortion but raised questions on how far it would go to protect women trying to exercise that right.

There are an estimated 1.6 million abortions performed in the United States each year. Supporters of abortion are

counting on President-elect Bill Clinton and the new Congress to try to win back abortion guarantees trimmed back by Supreme Court rulings and federal lawmaking over the past two decades.

While the court's ruling opens the door to congressional action, it also suggests a role for the executive branch. Justice Anthony M. Kennedy noted that if state and local governments cannot protect property and people in the face of anti-abortion protesters, they can seek help from the U.S. attorney general, who could order federal marshals to a site.

Justice Kennedy was among three justices who were key to preserving the right to abortion last summer. They went their separate ways on Wednesday. Justice David H. Souter signed onto the judgment, as Justice Kennedy did, but dissented in part. Justice Sandra Day O'Connor fully dissented, saying the law should protect women seeking an abortion.

At the heart of the high court dispute is an 1871 statute, popularly known as the "Ku Klux Klan law," that was intended to protect blacks from mob violence.

The law prohibits conspiracies to deprive "any person or class of persons of the equal protection of the laws" but can only be invoked by a showing that the antagonist had a racial or other "class-based animus" and sought to deprive the victim of a right "protected against

private, as well as official, encroachment."

The Washington-area clinics that brought the case said Operation Rescue was showing an "animus" against women because only women can have abortions. They also argued that the women's right to interstate travel was breached.

Both a federal district court and the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit ruled that women seeking abortions could use the 1871 statute and that the protesters had illegally interfered with the women's right to interstate travel.

The district court had found that substantial numbers of women traveled from Maryland and the District of Columbia to obtain abortions in Alexandria, Virginia, where the lawsuit began.

Justice Scalia rejected both reasons. He was joined by Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist and Justice Clarence Thomas, and in most part, Justice Souter. Dissenting were Justices O'Connor, Harry A. Blackmun and John Paul Stevens.

Justice Scalia said that the Operation Rescue protests were not specifically aimed at women as a class, but at any man or woman who would be involved in abortion. "Whatever one thinks of abortion, it cannot be denied that there are common and respectable reasons for opposing it, other than hatred or prejudice against women as a class."

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Watch This Shadow Play

The first task of a political opposition is not to oppose. It is to get its own act together so that when it does oppose, it has something worthwhile to say.

important about the group: It represents a brand of conservatism that is intellectually vigorous, sensitive to the moral imperative of opposing racism, and committed to internationalism in foreign affairs.

Awaiting Brown's Reply

Wake-up calls come from unexpected sources, and sometimes they can rock the sleep of ages. Consider the case of Senator Trent Lott, the Mississippi Republican whose somnolent interrogation of Ron Brown last Wednesday took Southern hospitality to new levels of languidity.

dealing with other Patton, Boggs clients. It is the curtain of uncertainty that Mr. Brown has raised with his narrow, limited recusal policy that Senator Lott is trying with his questions to part. Mr. Lott requests a copy of the partnership agreement and more information about the amount and schedule of payments.

Other Comment

Would the Serbs Comply?

The Western powers allowed the Serbian military power to pursue its war against Bosnia-Herzegovina almost to victory. The mediators offered the powerful aggressors a settlement that would have given them a lot, but not everything.

How Long a Stay in Somalia?

Most of the U.S. troops are scheduled to return home in March. Although that deadline may be a bit generous, the March target pressures the United Nations to prepare to take over the mission.

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A Black-and-White Answer for Saddam's Gray Games

WASHINGTON — Can a leopard change his spots? George Bush asked that question about three years ago as he and his advisers contemplated and then approved extending U.S. assistance to Saddam Hussein to get the Iraqi dictator to moderate his behavior.

missiles and other equipment from under the noses of the UN command and then countered its complaints with legalistic arguments.

Saddam clearly thought that this time a limited bombing raid and the sympathy it might inspire at home and abroad were worth the cost.

dam to grow more daring in the south. U.S. military officials had been strongly pressing the UN observers to destroy the Silkorm missiles the Iraqis recovered in raids this week.

A New German Seriousness on the Asylum Problem

BONN — In retrospect, the arson attack by neo-Nazis in Molln, in which three Turkish citizens died, seems to have been the turning-point in the German debate on asylum.

under control. President Richard von Weizsäcker is largely responsible for taking the lead.

This does not mean that Germany is closer to solving the problem of its asylum-seekers. If the compromise found between the government and the opposition does not work, and if the number of asylum-seekers does not fall significantly this year, the topic will become election issue No. 1.

into Germany. But it is doubtful that this will reduce the number of asylum-seekers in Germany.

Let Thailand Take the Hint and Stop the Plunder

HONOLULU — Thailand's inability or unwillingness to curb its companies' trade in logs and gems with the Khmer Rouge is only a small part of a much larger drive by Bangkok to exploit the natural resources of Indochina and Burma.

But it now appears that a similar policy is being resurrected in an economic disguise. In recent years, Thai military leaders have spoken of turning the Southeast Asian mainland into a shining Suwannaphume, or Golden Land, with Thailand at its center.

delegation. The visit led to a rush by Thai logging and fishing companies to enter deals with the junta in Rangoon. Many of the successful firms have close links with the Thai government and armed forces.

The UN sanctions against trading with the Khmer Rouge are a critical test. If enforced against Thai companies, they may be a boon to a fragile coalition government in need of a strong case for curbing the most counterproductive elements of the country's private sector.

An Umbrella For Allies in The Mideast

By Robert Jastrow and Max Kampelman

WASHINGTON — If nuclear weapons exploded over Tel Aviv and Haifa, Israel's life would probably end. If they exploded over Riyadh, Medina and Jidda, they probably would destroy Saudi Arabia.

Fortunately, Bill Clinton thinks the United States should provide the defenses its Middle Eastern allies need to protect themselves against nuclear-armed neighbors.

Strategic Defense Initiative technologies could neutralize limited Third World missile attacks. The defenses needed to do so are not highly sophisticated, but improved versions of the Patriot. Yes, the Patriot's accomplishments in the Gulf War were overblown; since then, its technology has improved.

Some experts say one in three missiles would get through such defenses; others say one in 10. Assuming one in five does, only one missile in 25 would reach its target if there were two layers of defense.

But an improved Patriot defense cannot protect against cluster munitions: a warhead with 100 or more bomblets. A few dozen Iraqi Scud missiles armed with bomblets would present Israeli or Saudi missile defenses with thousands of attacking objects to be intercepted and destroyed.

The only defense against clusters is one that destroys Scuds in their boost phase, seconds after launch. A highly effective boost-phase blockade would be provided by a network of early-warning satellites with electronic eyes in low-altitude orbit.

Mr. Jastrow, a physicist, is director of the Mount Wilson Institute, near Los Angeles. Mr. Kampelman headed the U.S. delegation to the negotiations on nuclear and space arms in Geneva from 1985 to 1989. They contributed this comment to The New York Times.

IN OUR PAGES: 100, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO

1893: Temple Robbers

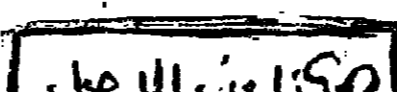
NEW YORK — A despatch from San Francisco says: "A band of robbers made a raid in December upon the village in Canton. They levied a tribute of several thousand taels upon the temple priests who had just received large offerings from people celebrating a holiday by a dramatic entertainment in a shed before the temple. The robbers set fire to the shed and the temple also caught light. Over one-thousand-four hundred people died."

1918: Canuck Solution

PARIS — The Canadians have introduced into the army a method of carrying loads known as the tump-line. It is based on principles used for generations by North American Indians. By its use one man is able to carry the ordinary load of two men for a greater distance over slippery, devastated ground, and with less fatigue than a soldier can carry his own

1943: Air Raid in Africa

NORTH AFRICA — [From our New York edition:] American Flying Fortresses destroyed thirty-four Axis planes around and aloft in a raid yesterday [Jan. 13] on Castel Benito airfield, ten miles south of Tripoli, tearing a considerable hole in the already thin air cover which Field Marshal Erwin Rommel depends for an effective retreat from Libya into Tunisia, a communique reported today. In this heaviest assault delivered from the west on the Axis in Tripoli since an American plane was lost. The Allied communique said fourteen planes were shot down in combat during the raid and an airforce spokesman added that twenty German planes were smashed on the ground. He estimated that at least ten more Nazi craft were damaged in the air.

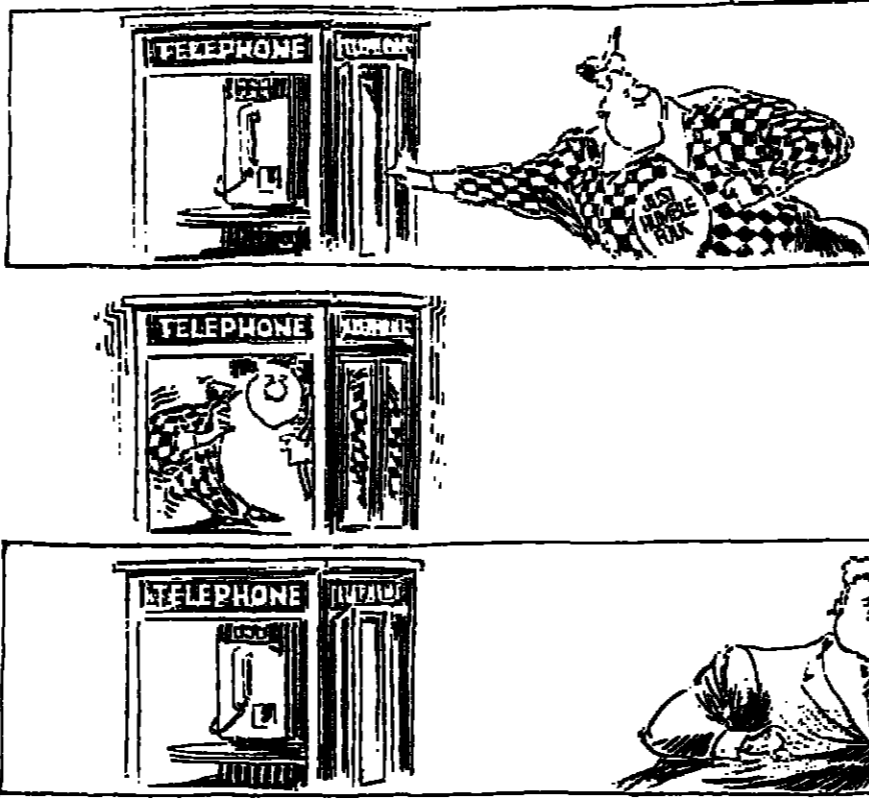


OPINION

The Promises Department Is Already Out to Lunch

By George F. Will

WASHINGTON — During the campaign, the Democrats promised "change," perhaps assuming that "change" is a synonym for "progress." During the transition they have proven that it is not. Having promised a cabinet that "looks like America," Bill Clinton has cobbled together one that looks like the Americans fear that America is becoming: 13 of the 18 nominees are lawyers. Considerations of "diversity" (different chromosomes and skin pigmentation, not different ideas) have slowed the staffing of the administration, but it is off to a brisk start breaking promises. The Bush administration's revision — upward, as usual — of the deficit forecast is Mr. Clinton's excuse for renegeing on his promise to halve the deficit in four years. He calls the projections "revelation," although as early as August his campaign had the Congressional Budget Office's warnings about the soaring deficit. The projections are also the excuse for scurrying away from the promise of a middle-class tax cut. But three weeks before the new projections, Wall Street Journal interviewers noted that Mr. Clinton was "clearly lukewarm to his own proposal to cut taxes for middle-income families." He said: "I don't think there's anybody that thinks it's a very good way of getting the economy up."



Take My Advice (Or Not!): Life Is for the Early Bird

By Richard Reeves

LOS ANGELES — So Richard Nixon turned 80 last Saturday. I turned on the television and there were a bunch of fine people down the road at his museum in Yorba Linda singing "Happy Birthday, Mr. President." Very nice. There is a lesson to the man's life: Outlive your enemies! That is a rule to live by — as long as you can. I have seen it work before. John D. Rockefeller. Herbert Hoover. Armand Hammer. Alf Landon. Mr. Nixon's nemesis, or vice versa, Alger Hiss, seems to be doing it, too. What a contest! What a pair! Not quite Jefferson and Adams — both died the same day.

MEANWHILE

supposedly asking if the other was still breathing — but still a couple of guys trying to get in the last word. Live and learn, someone said. There are lessons in this life, which become rules one usually learns too late — personal and universal, big and small. This is another big one: Never tell the truth when someone asks how you feel. Just say, "Fine, thank you." No one really wants to know. And, in a culture that worships youth and denies death, the truth about health can be dangerous to your career. All bad health (and bad luck) is seen as being contagious. As for small rules, they can be important, too. The most important of the little ones is this: You do not have to answer a phone just because it is ringing. Next is this one: Don't watch professional football on television until the playoffs, and then only watch the first few and the last few minutes. Even then you have to be careful about defining your terms. On Mr. Nixon's birthday, I

was watching the end of a playoff game and my eight-year-old wanted me to come out and play ball with her. We'll be back with more after real life. I said, "O.K., there's just 45 seconds to go." "Da-a-d," she said. "Forty-five seconds takes 15 minutes on TV." She is obviously a faster learner than I was. But this is what else I have learned since I was her age: Ask! To get a job, spouse, better price or find the way to or from Yorba Linda, you have to ask. I don't always follow my own advice, but I know that the sooner you ask the sooner you get there. Don't mind losing! It's like rain. Take it as gracefully as you can and then don't talk about it. After a while — Nixon's Law — no one but you remembers. People don't like to hire people older than they are! This is a big one, if you are ambitious. Whether you answer it or not, the phone stops ringing when you are about 45 years old, maybe a bit younger, because that is the age of the people who do the hiring. So make your big moves and do your asking early. Get up early! Or, stay up late! It's too many years figuring out my own energy curve. Now, I get up at 5 A.M. and often have my real work, which is solitary, done by nine or so in the morning, when my concentration starts down a slippery, yawning slope. Write it down! The best advice I ever got was when I was a young reporter at The New York Times and the metropolitan editor, Arthur Gelb, said: "You're going to live an interesting life. Keep a journal." I didn't do it — fool. I have been saved by this column and by my wife's saintly devotion to family photo albums, so I know where I've been and what I was thinking. Listen to other people, unless they're wrong! Think out what you want to do before asking for advice. Usually family or friends will shoot it down with something you never thought of, but once you hear that you may want to go ahead anyway. Be on time! Or, don't be! There are two kinds of people: those who want to get to the airport two hours before flight time and those who think they're wasting their lives if they don't leap on board as the door is closing. Figure out which you are and live with it. Have children! Or, don't! Being a parent is a permanent condition, which changes everything that follows. The rewards are the highest of the highs. The pain knows no depth. This is the biggest decision, which tells you something about what all this means. And, if none of this works, there is always Nelson Algren's "What Every Young Man Should Know," which goes: "Never eat at a place called Mom's. Never play cards with a man named Doc. Never lie down with a woman who has more troubles than you."

provide the decisive margin on an issue. This abuse of power, done for no apparent purpose other than to advertise the majority's ability to do whatever it wants (until the courts cry "Halt!"), was hardly the only example of the House Democrats' growing arrogance of power. They have now given the speaker the intimidating power to arbitrarily add or remove any member from any select or conference committee. Worse, House Democrats, whose party traces its pedigree back to Jefferson, have jettisoned the principle that a committee "can only act when together," a principle whose pedigree runs back to Jefferson's Manual of Parliamentary Practice. Until now, a committee quorum had to be present when a committee was drafting legislation because deliberation is a collective undertaking, and Congress is, in theory, a deliberative body. That theory is mocked by the new rule, under which a "rolling quorum" shall suffice. That is, a chairman can declare that a quorum necessary for drafting legislation exists when a majority of members has been present for any part of a session on the legislation. Chairmen — all Democrats, of course — can even be one-person quorums after enough members have passed through the committee's rooms. The Government Operations Committee is one of the House's principal

instruments for oversight of the executive branch. Last year, funds for the committee's investigative staff were allocated 90 percent for Democrats, 10 percent for Republicans. Democrats said this was justified because Republicans controlled the executive branch. Anyone who believes the allocation this year will be significantly different has not been noting the might-makes-right swagger of the unbridled majority. Or noting The New York Times of Jan. 12: "And Mr. Clinton's staff has said in recent days that was another pledge, to reduce the White House staff by 25 percent, might be difficult to fulfill." Washington Post Writers Group.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Stakes in Hong Kong

Criton Zoakos, in "A Money Game Takes Over Hong Kong" (Opinion, Jan. 11), erroneously asserts that the debate over Governor Chris Patten's modest democratic reforms is "basically a scrap over money" between Britain and China. Mr. Zoakos ignores 6 million Hong Kong citizens, most of whom understand all too well that the real issue is the joint Declaration's central promise of "one country, two systems," and whether Hong Kong will ever have autonomy over its own internal affairs. Mr. Zoakos argues that Governor Patten's proposals are only tangentially about democracy and are instead fundamentally about the British acting in their own self-interest. We in Hong Kong know British self-interest when we see it. We have seen little else for the last 150 years. But Mr. Patten, rather than slipping into the disgraceful appeasement

policy that Britain has pursued ever since signing the Joint Declaration with China in 1842, at least has recognized the right of the people of Hong Kong to decide their own affairs. As Mr. Zoakos notes, China's ongoing transformation to a "socialist market economy" has been effected largely by Hong Kong's Chinese entrepreneurs — not China's central government. Therefore, assigning economic motives to the gerontocrats in Beijing who have barely tolerated such reform is ludicrous. What is rational to the rulers of Beijing is that they must keep their grasp on political power in Hong Kong — not maximize the national wealth. Mr. Zoakos accepts China's preposterous argument that post-1997 contracts about which China was not consulted would not be honored because Jardine Matheson was allowed to win part of the contract for the airport. In fact, Beijing's announcement came very

clearly in direct response to Mr. Patten's democratic reform proposals. Those interested in putting an economic spin on events in Hong Kong will want to ponder why some business leaders of the most capitalist economy in the world are siding with the Chinese Communist Party against political reform in Hong Kong. This is simple: to preserve their privileged political position in the territory and to reap business favors from Beijing. In addition, China has made clear that it will not tolerate corporations that speak out in support of democracy. As economic spokesman and an elected member of the United Democrats of Hong Kong, the party that swept Hong Kong's first-ever democratic elections in 1991, I can say definitively that Hong Kong citizens know that this "scrap" is not over money. It is over future.

Hart and the Military

Regarding "Clinton Has a Chance to Reform America's Military Structures" (Opinion, Nov. 23) by Gary Hart: As a colonel in the U.S. Army, with 31 years of service, including a tour in Vietnam, I found Mr. Hart's comments on reforming the military both offensive and disturbing. Offensive in that rather than concentrating on necessary reforms, he repeated clichés that someone in his position should know are out of date. Disturbing because such ill-formed criticisms could mislead a new president lacking the military background. First, leadership. The commanders in Desert Storm had all been given their positions because they had already demonstrated leadership in command, not by "pushing pencils in the Pentagon." Promotion lists now all show a heavy empha-

sis on successful command. You will have to look a long time to find a combat arms officer selected to brigadier general who has not successfully commanded a company, battalion and brigade. Second, doctrine. Anyone who claims that the military advocates fighting wars of attrition versus maneuver is ignoring the tremendous turning movement that took our forces behind Saddam's. Perhaps the most disturbing aspect of Mr. Hart's comments is his confusion of the military's political and military objectives. The military achieved the strategic objectives given to it by the political authorities: first deploy forces to Saudi Arabia to defend that kingdom, then remove Saddam's forces from Kuwait and destroy his ability to threaten the region. To criticize the military for not achieving objectives not given to it is as wrong as giving the military inappropriate objectives. If Senator Hart hopes to be one of those advising the newly elect-

ed president on such matters, he needs to get these distinctions right. One hopes President-elect Clinton will. RANCE FARRELL, Bern.

Fighting Terrorism To combat international terrorism, I suggest a new "Geneva Convention" which would stipulate the following: Any country which sponsors, finances or trains terrorists anywhere in the world to act within or against another country should be held responsible for such actions. Any country that is a victim of such terrorist actions will have the right to temporarily or permanently exile such people to the country or countries who support their activities. PERLA FOX, Bethesda, Maryland.

EUROPEAN TOPICS

Can This Dying Bird Really Sell Sweaters?

The latest advertisement from the Italian clothesmaker with the reputation for provocation appears to have offended a powerful constituency. It shows a floating seabird, completely smothered in oil except for one wide and startled-looking eye. The caption: "Shetland Islands, January 1993." British and German ecologists have condemned the ad, saying it crassly exploits the disastrous oil spill off Scotland. An editorial in the daily Le Figaro of Paris wonders whether Benetton — whose earlier ads have featured a skeletal figure dying of AIDS and a bloody victim of Mafia violence — can sink any lower. And it asks: "Will consumers remain faithful to a brand whose name is becoming synonymous with misfortune?"

Around Europe

In another sign that the end of the Cold War has sunk in, authorities in Germany's North Rhine-Westphalia state are seeking new uses for the secret bomb shelters built after the Cuban missile crisis. The bunkers, intended for government officials, are air-conditioned and large enough for 120 people to live in. A ban on all tobacco advertising in Britain is being sought by a Conservative-led group in Parliament. One health official says such a ban could cut smoking by up to 16 percent. But a ban goes against government policy. Last year, tobacco duties brought more than \$6 billion into British coffers. In France, where cigarette ads are already banned, men are smoking less but women are smoking less found. In the 16-to-18 age bracket, 20 percent of girls smoke, compared with 15 percent of boys.

A new convent for Carmelite nuns at Auschwitz will be ready March 1, making it possible for the nuns to vacate the one at the edge of the concentration camp grounds that they have occupied since 1984. Their presence had been sharply criticized by Jewish groups and others who found it inappropriate so near the site where more than 1.5 million Jews, Poles, Gypsies and Soviet war prisoners died. Europe's biggest wind-powered energy generating station has been opened on Spain's

Cape Tarifa, the southernmost point on the Continent. The vast park, with its 250 towering generators, will provide enough energy to fill the needs of 25,000 families a year.

In Russia, juvenile delinquency has soared, according to Interior Ministry figures. They show a near doubling of crimes by minors over a nine-year period, from 91,311 cases in 1982 to 173,375 in 1991. In Russia, one crime in six is now committed by a minor, compared to one in 10 five years ago, when political liberalization began. There are now some 160 youth gangs in the Russian capital.

The British Computer Society is investigating complaints that children are being exposed to hard-core pornography through home computers. The police in the Manchester area recently seized 8,000 copies of programs depicting acts ranging from bestiality to child abuse and rape, the daily Times of London reports. Floppy disks, most of them from the United States or the Netherlands, can be bought for as little as 89 pence in playgrounds. Some programs are designed so that a child can quickly switch to an innocent-looking game if a parent enters the room.

Is Jacques Delors preparing for a post-EC job as jazz reviewer? In Le Journal du Dimanche, a Paris weekly, the president of the EC Commission writes about how deeply moved he was by Dizzy Gillespie's first appearance in France, on Feb. 28, 1948. The concert, in Paris, was attended by the likes of Django Reinhardt and Stephane Grappelli. But as Gillespie was late in arriving, the crowd, including some who were skeptical about this new bebop sound, grew noisily impatient. Once Gillespie began to play, however, the audience was struck dumb, says Delors, by the sonority, subtle arrangements and unusual rhythms of his music.

The new Italian highway code puts safety above romance by banning kissing, ear-nibbling, embracing and other amorous effusions at the steering wheel. Other features: It rules that cyclists must ride single-file even on cycle tracks and must not carry passengers over the age of eight; pets must travel on the seat behind the driver and be separated by a net; and pedestrians must give way to cars on urban crossings. Although the code doesn't say as much, they'd also be well advised to give way to cars on roads that do have pedestrian crossings. Brian Knowlton

GENERAL NEWS

Tanker Aftermath: Finger-Pointing and Avoiding New Spills

By William Schmidt New York Times Service SUMBURGH HEAD, Shetland Islands — With millions of gallons of oil on the water and near the Braer a battered wreck near this rocky headland, conservationists and local residents are now demanding to know who to blame, and what will be done to prevent anything like it from happening again. Paralleling similar arguments made in the United States follow-

ing the Exxon Valdez spill off Alaska in 1989, critics say the Braer accident — in sheer volume one of the worst tanker spills in history — demonstrates that the British government must move immediately to enforce tougher tanker safety regulations as well as restrictions on the coastal movements of tankers, particularly in bad weather and in environmentally sensitive areas. Earlier this week in London, government ministers told parliament that as a result of the Braer accident, they would convene an inquiry to consider what needs to be done to protect a coastline that overlooks some of the world's most heavily traveled sea lanes.

The Duke of Edinburgh, who visited the islands and overflew the wreck Wednesday in his role as international president of the World Wide Fund for Nature, raised several questions about regulating tankers, beyond tighter controls on their coastal routes. "Are the crews properly trained?" he asked, during a news

conference Wednesday. "Are they maintained properly? To what extent do flags of convenience mean you can opt out of regulations?" With skies clearing and strong storm winds abating, Prince Philip and his son Prince Charles, the heir to the throne, overflew the scene of the accident, where pollution control officials said large swells and churning seas overnight achieved a 90 percent reduction in the thick coffee-colored slicks that stained the southern coastal area Tuesday, after the ship broke up from being



Camilla Parker Bowles, attending a polo match last June.

Charles's Pillow Talk? Australians Think So

SYDNEY — You will not find the titillating transcript in the British tabloids, but the intimate record of what purports to be a 1989 love-and-sex phone tryst between Prince Charles and his mistress is now in print. The Australian magazine New Idea, which published the transcript Tuesday, said the dialogue "finally confirms" that Camilla Parker Bowles' "longstanding, passionately familiar relationship with the man who would be king." New Idea said the conversation between Prince Charles and Mrs. Parker Bowles had been taped by a radio enthusiast who was scanning London's mobile telephone frequencies on Dec. 12, 1989. Some details of the purported conversation were published in the British press last year. But London papers, worried by demands for curbs on their alleged excesses, have backed away from publishing the full transcript. In one part of the conversation, which exudes sexual intimacy, the woman identified as Mrs. Parker Bowles says she needs her partner all the time, to which the male speaker replies: "Oh God, I'll just live inside your trousers or something. It would be much easier." Much of the conversation deals with how and where the two can meet. Toward the end, they swear love for each other. In London, the mass-circulation Sun published small parts of the tape Wednesday. Like New Idea, the Sun is owned by the Australian-born publisher Rupert Murdoch, who also owns the Times of London and the Sunday Times. The Sun hinted that it would publish the transcript on Thursday. Prince Charles, 44, and Mrs. Parker Bowles, 45, have known each other for about 20 years. They dated when both were single. She is the wife of Brigadier Andrew Parker Bowles, 52, the British Army's chief veterinary officer. The Parker Bowleses have two children.

ounded by hurricane-driven surf. So far, visible damage from the nearly 600,000 barrels of light crude spilled along the ruggedly scenic coast of these remote islands is amazingly light, although officials and scientists acknowledge the oil is toxic in high concentrations and its long-term ecological consequences on marine life are unknown. The discussion about tighter controls over tankers comes amid growing concern from some critics that tanker owners are cutting corners and adhering to less-rigid safety and crew training standards as a result of economic and competitive pressures. Critics say tougher controls are long overdue. Paul Horsman, an oil pollution expert for Greenpeace, the environmentalist group, says prevention is the only answer. "Once the oil is in the water, it's too late," he said. In the Shetlands and elsewhere, officials have called for the govern-

ment to install surveillance systems to monitor all tankers carrying oil or hazardous cargoes, or to insist that such ships be accompanied by escort tugs, in case they encounter trouble. Malcolm Green, the chief executive of the Shetlands government, complained Wednesday that radar coverage of the passage south of the islands, where the Braer ran into trouble last week when it lost its engines, was inadequate. "We can't see the tankers when they stop, or reverse course," he said. Leonard Groat, another member of the Shetlands local government, added: "It's the government's job to guard our coast. They aren't doing it." Others go even farther, calling for a ban on tanker traffic near environmentally sensitive coastal areas, like the southern Shetlands, a ruggedly scenic coastline that is home to one of Europe's largest seabird and wildlife colonies.

Math Scores Are Adding Up Higher, U.S. Study Shows

New York Times Service WASHINGTON — After years of grim news about the academic performance of elementary and secondary school pupils, a preliminary report indicates that U.S. students made significant gains in mathematics achievement between 1980 and 1992. Overall average proficiency rose five points since 1990 in the 4th, 8th and 12th grades, the three grades tested, according to a preliminary report made public by the National Assessment of Education

Canada's 3d Language? Data Show It's Chinese

Agence France-Press OTTAWA — Chinese has become the third most common language in Canada after English and French, the country's two official languages. Statistics Canada reports. The government study, based on 1991 census data, found that 8.4 percent of Canadians, about 2.3 million, used a language other than English or French at home, with 430,000 speaking Chinese, 288,000 Italian and 153,000 Portuguese. Spanish and German came next.

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Hong Kong Rebuffs China

Council Rejects Move to Curb Patten Plan

HONG KONG — Legislators rebuffed a new challenge to Hong Kong's democratic aspirations on Wednesday by overwhelmingly rejecting a Chinese-backed proposal urging Governor Chris Patten to abandon his political changes.

Members of the Legislative Council voted, 35 to 2, against a motion sponsored by a pro-Beijing legislator, Philip Wong, that would have urged Mr. Patten to consult with China before proposing any political changes.

Mr. Wong, a businessman with strong ties to China, visited Beijing last week and talked with Prime Minister Li Peng and Jiang Zemin, the Communist Party chairman.

The vote clears the way for a legislative showdown in late February over Mr. Patten's plans to increase the number of elected legislators and widen the voter base for the 1995 legislative elections.

The action also signals the determination of

legislators, regardless of their political persuasion, to have some say in the territory's affairs before power is transferred to China in 1997.

Many of Hong Kong's 5.9 million people have been unnerved by the escalating war of words between their present and future leaders since Mr. Patten unveiled his blueprint in October.

Mr. Patten tried to break the deadlock on Tuesday by urging legislators to ratify plans that would satisfy both Britain and China.

But Chinese officials have said they will reject any decisions by Hong Kong's legislature that support or even dilute Mr. Patten's constitutional changes, despite China's promise of "a high degree of autonomy" for Hong Kong for at least 50 years after 1997.

Beijing opposes the Patten proposals because it fears that more freedom in Hong Kong will feed dissent in China. Beijing has sharply criticized legislators, groups and businesses that support Mr. Patten's efforts.

CLA Chief Reiterates North Korea Nuclear Threat

By Don Oberdorfer
Washington Post Service

WASHINGTON — After eight months of international inspections of the North Korean nuclear program, limited access and "disturbing evidence of continuing efforts to deceive" have left impor-

tant unanswered questions, according to the outgoing CIA director, Robert M. Gates.

Mr. Gates, who declared publicly last February that North Korea could produce an atomic weapon "between a few months and a couple of years," said in an interview

that the United States did not know if Pyongyang had made the fundamental decision to end its weapons program. "We will just have to keep monitoring it very, very closely," he said.

The CIA director, who will leave office next week with the departing

Bush administration, said his prediction last year could still prove to be true, despite four full-scale inspections that North Korea has permitted of its nuclear center at Yongbyon by the International Atomic Energy Agency since May.

North Korea has consistently denied that it is pursuing nuclear-weapons development.

The estimate that North Korea could have a weapon in as soon as "a few months" was based on the possibility that enough fissionable material had been acquired secretly by last February to make at least one bomb, Mr. Gates said. While U.S. experts agree that there is no hard evidence of this, Mr. Gates said it was possible and that "it is clearly a big concern."

Mr. Gates declined to provide details to back up his charge of efforts of deception, except to say this had been detected "in the last few months." Other officials said the deception involved efforts to hide radioactive waste products coming from the nuclear reactors at Yongbyon. Such products are not required to be submitted for international inspection.

The most important gap in official knowledge about the North Korean program is caused by the continuing inability of the international inspectors to have access to the natural uranium core of its five-megawatt reactor at Yongbyon, which has been in operation since 1986.

Cambodia Attack Kills UN Workers and Girl

New York Times Service

BANGKOK — Two Cambodians working for the UN peacekeeping force in Cambodia were killed along with a girl, 7, when unidentified men attacked a voter registration post in northwest Cambodia with rockets and rifle fire, the United Nations said Wednesday.

It was the first time in the 14-month operation in Cambodia that UN workers have been killed by hostile fire.

There were confused reports over what happened during the attack late Tuesday night in the village of Ang Kron in Siem Reap Province, and over the identity of the attackers.

While some diplomats in Phnom Penh initially said that Khmer Rouge was responsible, UN officials said they had no clear evidence that the rebels were involved.

Two UN policemen — one from Ghana, one from India — and a

Cambodian man, 70, were reported to have been slightly injured in the attack, and a building housing five Japanese police officers burned to the ground. The Japanese police were away on vacation at the time.

The two Cambodian women killed Tuesday, identified as Ty Sary, 43, and Vicheth Hang, 20, had been working for the UN operation in its effort to register millions of voters for elections scheduled this spring.

INTERNATIONAL RECRUITMENT

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HEALTH / SCIENCE

Common, Maybe, But Incurable A Word on Prevention Of the Plain Old Cold

By Jane E. Brody New York Times Service

NEW YORK — "To Catch a Cold," it might not make an enticing movie title, but it is a scene played out millions of times a year. And despite a plethora of preventive advice and an ever-expanding array of commercial remedies, there is absolutely no indication that colds are becoming less common, less bothersome or more curable.

Colds remain the most common medical reason for lost days from school and from work, and more than a billion dollars a year is spent on over-the-counter nostrums in a usually futile effort to find relief from their annoying, disruptive symptoms.

Part of the problem is that some of the most prevalent beliefs about preventing colds have no foundation in fact. Colds are not caused or encouraged by quick changes in weather, sitting in a draft, getting a chill, going out in winter without a hat or with a wet head, working too hard or staying up too late. And people rarely catch colds because they kissed someone who had a cold or because a cold sufferer nearby was coughing or sneezing.

At least 200 different viruses are known to cause colds, about 30 percent of them in one family of rhinoviruses. This is why developing a conventional vaccine against cold viruses is not possible. You would have to be immunized against each and every one of the viruses, and even then other types might evolve that were not covered by a vaccine.

Attempts to produce a generic vaccine-type weapon against the common cold have been unsuccessful. One approach, the use of interferon, which fights respiratory viruses, received a lot of publicity several years ago but proved to cause more side effects than it was worth. Although you may blame the invading virus for your symptoms, most of the discomforts associated with colds stem from your body's efforts to eliminate the submicroscopic parasites that cause them. Cold viruses attack through the upper passages of the nose, entering the body either directly through the nose or through the eyes by way

of the tear ducts that empty into the nasal passages. The virus typically begins its attack on cells in the throat, making a scratchy throat the usual first sign of an incipient cold. The viruses multiply rapidly within throat cells, then invade cells in the nose. The injured cells set off a counterattack, releasing chemicals that cause inflammation and swelling of the infected tissues, and creating that typical stuffed-up feeling. Within a day, other defenses kick in: they can cause chills and aches and a hallmark symptom, the runny nose, which in turn can trigger a cough.

Happily, within several days to a week the body's defenses win the cold war, the inflammation subsides, mucus production abates and the cold wanes, nearly always within 10 days. A cold that persists for more than two weeks is usually not a cold. It may have evolved into a sinus infection, ear infection, bronchitis or even pneumonia. The average adult develops two to three colds a year. Children and young adults get two to three times as many colds each year as older adults because their youthful immune systems are still vulnerable to all or most of the cold viruses.

CHILDREN are further at risk because they congregate closely in play groups, at day care centers and in school and because their hygienic habits often leave a lot to be desired; both factors foster the spread of cold viruses from one child to another. The vulnerable can be hit even before they know that danger lurks because colds are most easily spread the day before symptoms appear as well as during the first two days of symptoms. Unlike flu, which spreads easily by virus-infected droplets in the air, cold viruses, which live in the upper nasal passages, are far less likely to be transmitted by coughs, sneezes or even by kisses, since the mouth is not hospitable to cold viruses. Rather, cold viruses are nearly always spread from nose to hand of the infected person, then from hand to nose of a healthy but vulnerable victim. There can sometimes be a go-between, like a telephone receiver, doorknob, book or computer keyboard that was used by both individuals within minutes or hours.



The Spanish wildcat retains cells that sharpen color vision to aid in hunting.

A Pussycat or a Wildcat? Brain Cells Call the Tune

By Sandra Blakeslee New York Times Service

NEW YORK — By comparing the brains of Spanish wildcats and American domestic tabby cats, a researcher has discovered a biological mechanism that may explain how members of a species may adapt their brains to undergo rapid evolutionary change. The finding is that wildcats and domestic cats develop the same number of brain cells as fetuses, but in each species different sets of neurons are killed off just before birth. The result is presumably that each cat's brain is better adapted to fit its environment.

Thus the wildcat retains nerve cells that mediate excellent color vision and enable it to hunt in the bright Iberian sunlight, said Dr. Robert Williams, an assistant professor of anatomy and neurobiology at the University of Tennessee College of Medicine in Memphis. But the domestic cat, which is nocturnal, discards most neurons for color vision and instead nurtures cells that sense motion and objects in dim light. Other important brain areas are similarly sculpted differently in the two cats, Dr. Williams said.

The immense evolutionary advantage of adapting to different environments by killing off selected brain cells before birth, Dr. Williams said, is that the animal retains the ability to re-evolve traits rapidly should the world change abruptly. Thus the domestic cat has the latent capacity to redevelop rich color vision should it ever need to switch to daytime hunting. Compared with closely related wildcats, the domestic cat has lost 30 percent to 50 percent of its brain cells in adapting to the lap of luxury. Dr. Williams noted, although this does not mean pussycats are stupider than wildcats. Each animal has an intelligence honed for making a living in its chosen niche, he said.

Dr. Williams' work, described as the first experimental study linking cell death with brain evolution, appears in the Journal of Neuroscience. Dr. Harvey Karten, an expert on evolutionary biology at U.C. San Diego, is cautious. "To say that selective fetal cell death is a mechanism for rapid evolution is an interesting idea," he said. Dr. Williams "demonstrates the loss of color vision in the domestic cat in just 20,000 years, which is extremely rapid," Dr. Karten said. However, "to say cell death is the mechanism through which evolution expresses itself goes beyond current data."

Dr. Murray Sherman, an expert on the cat visual system at State University of New York at Stony Brook, said that it is not unusual for closely related species and even subgroups of the same species to have very different visual systems.

U.S. Weighs In on Ethics As Self-Regulation Fails Setting Rules for Methods and Values

By Robin Herman Washington Post Service

WASHINGTON — What is scientific misconduct? The proper methods and values of scientific research are not inscribed in any document or contained in professional conduct, according to Frank Press, president of the National Academy of Sciences, that safeguards "the integrity of the scientific enterprise."

That integrity has been buffeted by a series of highly publicized cases in the 1980s, including that of Nobel Prize winner David Baltimore, who ultimately withdrew as president of Rockefeller University after questions were raised about research in a paper he had co-authored. What is seen as inadequate self-examination by some major research institutions has spurred the federal government to begin regulating the practices of laboratory researchers and to try to define the limits of unacceptable behavior.

Two weeks ago, the spotlight turned again to one long-running scientific-misconduct investigation when a federal panel, reversing the findings of two previous investigations, found that Robert C. Gallo, the government's top AIDS researcher at the National Cancer Institute's Laboratory of Tumor Cell Biology, had committed scientific misconduct.

The panel determined that Dr. Gallo falsely stated in a 1984 journal article that the French version of a virus that causes AIDS had not been grown permanently in a cell culture, while announcing in the same article that he and his research team had achieved success with his own lab's version of the virus. In fact, Dr. Gallo's lab had been able to grow both viruses in permanent cell lines. Failing to reveal the utility of the French virus, called LAV, "impeded potential AIDS-research progress with LAV," stated the report from the Office of Research Integrity in the Department of Health and Human Services.

Dr. Gallo said the finding was "utterly unwarranted" and "based on a distorted interpretation." Calling the government investigation "endless and incompetent," he has announced he will appeal the decision. Some research institutions, such as Harvard Medical School, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Johns Hopkins University Medical School and the University of Michigan Medical School, have already created comprehensive guidelines for the conduct of research.

Professional societies have begun to take a more active role in enforcing ethical behavior. The American Physical Society, which includes nuclear scientists, has just adopted its first code of ethics. According to the Office of Research Integrity, which issued the Gallo report, "misconduct or misconduct in science means fabrication, falsification, plagiarism, or other practices that seriously deviate from those that are commonly accepted within the scientific community for proposing, conducting, or reporting research. It does not include honest error or honest differences in interpretations or judgments of data."

Central to the debate within the research community and among federal regulators is the difference between scientific misconduct and professional misconduct. Scientific misconduct, argues the National Academy and others, should be seen as behavior that directly affects the integrity of research — embodied in the three great scientific sins: falsification, fabrication and plagiarism. "By scientific misconduct, we are talking about fraud or fabrication in how you report scientific work, like painting a stripe on the back of an animal, making up data, saying you did an experiment you didn't do," said the National Institutes of Health's director, Bernardine Healy, a central figure in efforts to reorganize misconduct-investigation procedures and the overseer of Dr. Gallo's institute.

A much grayer area involves professional behavior. Dr. Healy continued: "There are other things in the category of professional behavior — like noncollegiality, sloppy notebooks, nastiness, not sharing resources, not helping younger colleagues. Those are serious misbehaviors many scientists are guilty of — and we do not condone them — but they are not scientific misconduct." While the Office of Research Integrity's finding of scientific misconduct by Dr. Gallo hinged on interpretation of one sentence in the journal article, the office found other disturbing trends in Dr. Gallo's laboratory. "ORI believes that many of Dr. Gallo's actions reflect a pattern of conduct that must be censured even though they do not constitute scientific misconduct," reads the report, citing "Dr. Gallo's propensity to misrepresent and mislead in favor of his own research findings or hypotheses." The report criticizes Dr. Gallo's "indifference to acknowledging promptly the contributions of others and to sharing research materials of critical public-health importance," and his poor supervision of his laboratory.

"Especially in light of the groundbreaking nature of this research and its profound public-health implications, ORI believes that the careless and unacceptable keeping of research records . . . reflects irresponsible laboratory management that has permanently impaired the ability to trace the important steps taken."

Within the research community, officials continue to clarify the definition of scientific misconduct. The Office of Research Integrity has proposed a revised definition that would refer to "research misconduct as opposed to scientific misconduct. Instead of the phrase 'other practices that seriously deviate from those that are commonly accepted,' it would substitute 'deliberate falsification . . . or other deliberate misrepresentation in proposing, conducting, reporting or reviewing research.'"

But the scientific community is "still trying to sort out what are the types of behavior that should be sanctioned," said Rosemary Chalk, study director for the National Academy of Sciences 1992 report, "Responsible Science. Ensuring the Integrity of the Research Process." "Deliberate falsification of research would fall in a sanction category. On the other hand, failing to credit the technical services of a graduate student would fall in the improper category. It's easy to see the extremes, but not the middle ground."

Threat

Manufacturers of a drug that has been found to have a "warning label" that says "may cause drowsiness" have been accused of "misleading" consumers by not disclosing the full extent of the danger. The drug, which is used to treat a common condition, has been found to cause drowsiness in some patients, even when taken as directed. The manufacturers claim that the warning label is sufficient to inform consumers of the risk, but critics argue that the label is too vague and does not provide enough information to help consumers make informed decisions. Some consumers have reported accidents and other incidents while taking the drug, raising concerns about the safety of the product. The manufacturers have defended their actions, claiming that they have followed all regulatory requirements and that the drug is safe when used as directed. The controversy highlights the importance of clear and accurate labeling of pharmaceutical products.

Chronic Fatigue: Doctors Find Some Clues to the Mystery

New York Times Service

NEW YORK — Researchers at three medical centers in New Jersey, Massachusetts and Colorado are conducting sophisticated tests on patients with chronic fatigue syndrome and comparing notes in the first consistent, multidisciplinary approach intended to get to the bottom of the disorder. The syndrome, which begins with flu-like symptoms and can lead to exhaustion lasting for years, remains a profound mystery, said Dr. Stephen E. Straus, chief of the medical virology center at the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases in Bethesda, Maryland, the agency financing the \$3 million research program.

"Doctors do not know the molecular basis of fatigue in anyone, much less a person with chronic problems," Dr. Straus said. "When people say they feel tired all the time and their doctors can't find anything wrong with them, they're told the problem is in their heads." But many leading researchers are now convinced that patients are telling the truth, Dr. Straus said. One compelling reason stems from recent research on cytokines, cells of the human immune system that have been isolated and turned into drugs to fight cancer and other diseases. When healthy volunteers are injected with cytokines, Dr. Straus said, they feel awful and exhausted, exactly as chronic fatigue patients do.

A leading hypothesis among researchers is that chronic fatigue results from abnormally activated cytokines. "We can find plenty of things wrong with these patients," he said, including depressed numbers of natural killer cells, elevated antibodies to childhood viruses and signs of hormone complexes that depress the immune system. "But we don't know what to relate these changes to" or how they compare with healthy people and patients with other diseases that involve fatigue. At the Chronic Fatigue Center in the Veterans Affairs Hospital of East Orange, New Jersey, a team led by Dr. Benjamin Natelson is looking for ways to diagnose the disorder in patients. "If most doctors can't find an abnormality in a lab test, they think it's the patient's fault," Dr. Natelson said. "One of the biggest problems with chronic fatigue has been physician arrogance."

The New Jersey center has found a possible way to diagnose chronic fatigue patients. Sue Ann Sisto, a physical therapist at the center, noticed that patients breathe from the upper body, rather than from the belly and abdomen as most people do. Further testing showed that chronic fatigue patients have abnormal vital tone, meaning the major nerve that synchronizes their breathing and heart rate is out of sync. Their hearts are not speeding up and slowing down at a normal pace. "This is a solid piece of evidence that something is going on with these patients," Dr. Natelson said. "Their bodies seem to be conserving energy in strange ways."

At the Chronic Fatigue Center of Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston, Dr. Anthony Komaroff is focusing on the cytokine hypothe-

sis. One idea is that the disease stems from the reactivation of childhood viruses. When a virus proliferates, the body responds by releasing a torrent of cytokines, cells that amplify the immune system and wage war against the invading agent, Dr. Komaroff said. "We used to think you felt terrible because the virus was attacking your cells," he said. "But that's not true. You feel terrible because your body is responding and you are caught in the crossfire. As cytokines hit their target, they also hit you."

During the attack, people feel exhausted and conserve energy by crawling into bed, Dr. Komaroff said. Meanwhile, the cytokines alter liver metabolism and literally break down human muscles to obtain protein. "Recycling your own body is more efficient than getting new food," he said. "You go to sleep. The battle rages. Finally the immune system clears the body of virus. The attack is shut off."

In chronic fatigue patients, this does not happen, Dr. Komaroff said. "You are in permanent cross-fire," he said, "perhaps because the immune system cannot clear the virus. Maybe it is a latent virus that shows just enough of itself to raise an attack but is hiding so well, the body can't kill it."

Cytokines are very difficult to measure, Dr. Komaroff said. They are short-lived, are made in many tissues and no one understands their natural balance. Sandra Blakeslee

IN BRIEF

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NEW YORK (Reuters) — After a 20-year regulatory delay because of health worries, Upjohn Co. has begun marketing the drug Depo-Provera in the United States as a contraceptive that provides three months of birth control with just one injection. The use of the drug for birth control has been the subject of long debate. The drug is already used by nearly three million women in 90 countries including Britain, France, Germany and Sweden. The drug, available only through prescription, leaves the hormone progesterin in the body for three months, stopping the ovulation of eggs. Studies show that it is 99 percent effective. Opponents say its use for birth control increases the risk of cancer, but studies have also found no serious health risks.

Cholesterol-Depression Link

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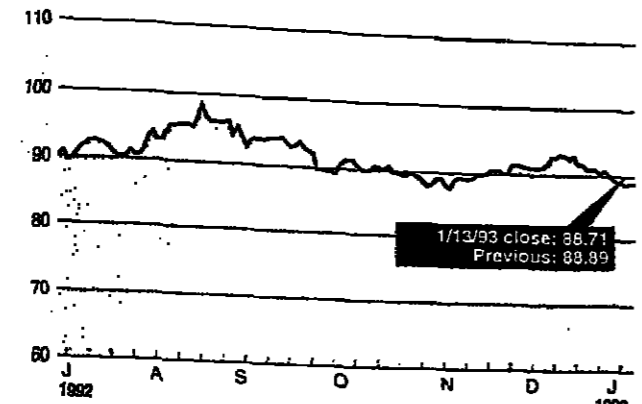
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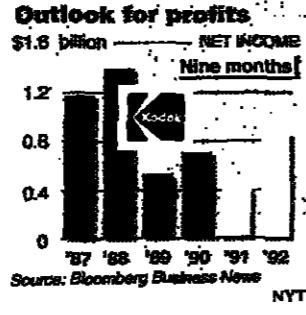
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By Tom Redburn International Herald Tribune FRANKFURT — Germany and France stood shoulder to shoulder Wednesday with one of the world's most prominent currency speculators in defense of the French franc as top economic officials of the two countries hinted of a cut in German interest rates before French parliamentary elections.

INTERNATIONAL MANAGER

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By Steven Greenhouse New York Times Service WASHINGTON — In blunt advice to President-elect Bill Clinton, Treasury Secretary Nicholas F. Brady said Wednesday that the economy was gathering steam and warned that it would be unwise for the new president to spur growth through a short-term program of increased Federal spending.

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Intel, Adobe Push Nasdaq to Record

Compiled by Our Staff From Despatches NEW YORK — Big-name technology stocks pushed the over-the-counter market to a record Wednesday, while blue-chip issues slipped.

It's a pattern set since about October, a handful of stocks in the over-the-counter market are really accounting for much of the strength," said Ricky Harrington, director of investment policy at Marion Bass Associates.

Intel and Adobe were two of the paces, and they helped power the Nasdaq over-the-counter index to a record 686.78, up 7.33 points and surpassing the previous mark of 682.40, set on Monday.

Adobe, which writes programs for computer printers, gained 22.0 percent on the outlook for improved earnings, its shares rising \$7.25 to \$40.25. Intel said fourth-quarter earnings more than doubled, largely because of sales of its 486 computer processing chip.

or 90 cents per share, for the fourth quarter of 1991. Yields fell in the government bond market. The benchmark 30-year Treasury issue rose 18/32, to 102/10/32, cutting its return to 7.43 percent from 7.48 percent.

The bonds are a 7 percent issue due May 15, 1993, and a so-called flower bond, issued in 1963 with a 4.125 percent coupon and due May 15, 1994. Of the \$440 million of the latter issue, only \$75 million is publicly held.

National City was the most-active Big Board issue, up 1/4 to 49 1/2, with volume boosted by trades linked to its upcoming dividend, payable to holders of record as of Wednesday.

No Safe-Haven Rally For Dollar on Iraq Raid

NEW YORK — The dollar fell against most major currencies Wednesday as investors used a successful raid by allied aircraft on Iraqi targets as an excuse to book profits from the dollar's recent run-up.

The U.S. currency rose against the yen, however, finishing at 125.76 yen, up from 125.35 on Tuesday. The yen took a drubbing in European trading as investors worried that the Gulf conflict would curtail oil shipments to Japan.

Foreign Exchange southern Iraq, the White House said. President George Bush also ordered a U.S. battalion to Kuwait. Though speculation about a military conflict in the Gulf has propped up the dollar since last week, it did not help Wednesday, traders said.

People have been hesitant to sell because of the Iraq situation," said Marc Chandler, senior foreign-exchange analyst at IDEA. "Now that the U.S. has begun bombing, and the dollar hasn't moved any higher, they feel comfortable selling."

With the Gulf conflict at a low ball, the dollar is likely to benefit only if the conflict "interrupts oil supplies or if there's a bigger commitment of forces," he said. As the U.S. currency headed lower during the afternoon, investors who had bet on a stronger dollar unloaded positions to cut their losses.

man economic weakness by pushing rates down significantly. In his speech, Mr. Schlesinger said that the Bundesbank, while aiming "above all" to keep monetary expansion within proper limits, should not "exclude the need to take account of a number of other factors, such as current economic conditions, the level of public debts, the development of costs and prices, and, naturally, the exchange rate of the currency."

The Dow

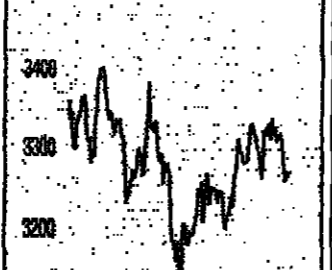


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Clemency for Air Controllers?

WASHINGTON (NYT) — More than 11 years after Ronald Reagan dismissed 11,400 federal air traffic controllers who were conducting an illegal strike, the incoming Clinton administration on Wednesday held out the possibility that they could apply to regain their old jobs.

Federico F. Pena, transportation secretary-designate, told the Senate Public Works Committee that the fate of the strikers, who were barred from ever again working as controllers, had been considered by the president-elect's transportation transition team.

Mr. Pena's statement was hailed by John F. Thornton, legislative director of the National Air Traffic Controllers Association. He estimated that perhaps 3,000 of the former air traffic controllers might reapply.

Panic's Company Restores Dividend COSTA MESA, California (UPI) — The Serbian-American businessman Milan Panic's SPI Pharmaceuticals Inc., which cut its dividend last month because of the war in Yugoslavia, said Wednesday it had restored the payment to its previous level.

Car Sales Declined in Early January DETROIT (AP) — Sales of domestically built cars and trucks fell 3.1 percent in early January, reflecting the end of special year-end deals on some models, automakers' figures showed Wednesday.

2 U.S. Firms Sign Pacts With Hanoi HANOI (AFP) — Hewlett-Packard Co. and Compaq Computer Corp. have signed agreements to sell computers in Vietnam, the Vietnam Investment Review said Wednesday, marking the first U.S.-Vietnamese business arrangement reported since Washington eased its economic embargo last month.

For the Record Zale Corp. has reached an agreement in Dallas with the lone remaining creditor group that did not support the jeweler's reorganization plan. The agreement will consolidate the reorganization plans proposed by the company and the unsecured creditors for Zale Credit Corp.

RATES: Hints of a German Cut

(Continued from first finance page) decline to level out later in the year, Ulrich Ramm, chief economist at Commerzbank, predicted that German short-term interest rates would fall by about 2.5 percentage points by the end of 1993.

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Gates declined to provide to back up his charge of deception, except to say that he had been "deceived" in the past. Other officials said that the investigation involved efforts to locate nuclear reactor components. Such products are not to be submitted for inspection.

Most important gap in knowledge about the North Korean program is caused by the unwillingness of the international uranium community to allow a reactor at Yongbyon, which has been in operation since

Germany Grew 0.8% in 1992 VW's Cuts Fail to Win Investors

FRANKFURT — Germany's economy turned in its worst performance in 10 years in 1992, the government said Wednesday, burdened as it was by slowdowns elsewhere and record high domestic interest rates designed to squeeze out post-unification inflation.

U.K. Economy Seems to Stir

LONDON — Fresh sparks of life emerged in the recession-torn British economy on Wednesday, raising hopes it may at last be close to turning the corner to recovery.

France Still Ready To Hold Up GATT

PARIS — France will not allow GATT world trade talks to end successfully next week if the final package includes farm-subsidy concessions that Paris continues to reject.

VW's Cuts Fail to Win Investors

BONN — Volkswagen AG disappointed investors Wednesday by announcing a smaller-than-expected cut in its investment program along with confirmation that it would eliminate 30,000 jobs over two years.

Investor's Europe

Table showing stock indices for Frankfurt DAX, London FTSE 100 Index, and Paris CAC 40, along with exchange rates and percentage changes.

TRADERS: In Modern Money Markets, the Movement Is the Message

(Continued from page 1) Unfortunately the net effect of such frenetic behavior can fulfill investors' worst fears, driving down in this case the franc. Although the investor is covered because he has bought marks that have risen in value, finance ministers and central bank heads are left to sort out yet another mess.

COMPANY RESULTS

Table listing company results for various firms including SunTrust Banks, Humana, SunTrust Banks, and others, with columns for revenue, profit, and share price.

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Japan Struggles Through Art Hangover

By Leslie Helm

Los Angeles Times Service

TOKYO — When Ryohei Saito paid \$160 million one week in 1990 to acquire the world's two most expensive paintings — a Van Gogh and a Renoir — his Daishowa Paper Manufacturing Co. empire was at its peak, and so was Japan's surging economy. Mr. Saito's dramatic purchases put him at the crest of a tsunami of art purchases that became a symbol of Japan's new prosperity.

Now that the tidal wave has crashed, dragging art prices down as sharply as Japanese property and stocks, Japan's huge art collection has become just another reminder of the worst excesses of Japan's speculative bubble.

Investors have stored their paintings in anticipation of the next art boom. But many may not be able to hold out that long. There is widespread speculation that Mr. Saito, who

recently had to sell off assets and draw from his personal fortune to bail out his company, may be forced to sell his art treasures at a huge loss. A rash of bankruptcies by dealers and galleries has forced banks to take paintings in lieu of loan repayments. As a result, banks already suffering from huge inventories of hard-to-sell land are now also saddled with thousands of paintings, valued at an estimated \$8 billion.

Impressionist art prices are down more than 50 percent. Some dealers worry that if troubled Japanese banks and credit companies are forced to dump their art, prices could plunge even more sharply.

Another impact of the burst art bubble: a bigger Japanese trade surplus. In 1990, Japan imported more than \$4 billion in art, snapping up 40 percent to 50 percent of all Impressionist art put on the market and offsetting at least some of its exports. Although

Japanese are still present at international auctions, they buy far less and pay much lower prices. This year, Japan's import of art is estimated to fall to \$570 million, one-seventh of its peak level.

European and American dealers, hoping to make a killing by buying from dejected Japanese art collectors, are making inquiries but are being turned away because of their low offers. Auction houses, too, are finding art owners unwilling to face the reality of falling prices.

"We are getting a lot of interest, but when they hear our estimates for what their paintings will bring, they are shocked. Not much business materializes," said Koji Yamada, of the Tokyo office of Christie's auction house.

But collectors are pleased. "Art dealers were pushing art as assets, telling me I could triple my money, but I wasn't interested in reselling," said Saijiro Kita, a collector.

NASDAQ

Wednesday's Prices
NASDAQ prices as of 4 p.m. New York time. This list compiled by the AP, consists of the 1,000 most traded securities in terms of dollar value. It is updated twice a year.

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70	60	AE	0.00	0.00	10	70	60	60	0
60	50	AF	0.00	0.00	10	60	50	50	0
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20	10	AS	0.00	0.00	10	20	10	10	0
10	0	AT	0.00	0.00	10	10	0	0	0

12 Month High	12 Month Low	Stock	Div	Yld	PE Ratio	High	Low	Last	Chg
100	90	AV	0.00	0.00	10	100	90	90	0
90	80	AW	0.00	0.00	10	90	80	80	0
80	70	AX	0.00	0.00	10	80	70	70	0
70	60	AY	0.00	0.00	10	70	60	60	0
60	50	AZ	0.00	0.00	10	60	50	50	0
50	40	BA	0.00	0.00	10	50	40	40	0
40	30	BB	0.00	0.00	10	40	30	30	0
30	20	BC	0.00	0.00	10	30	20	20	0
20	10	BD	0.00	0.00	10	20	10	10	0
10	0	BE	0.00	0.00	10	10	0	0	0

12 Month High	12 Month Low	Stock	Div	Yld	PE Ratio	High	Low	Last	Chg
100	90	BF	0.00	0.00	10	100	90	90	0
90	80	BG	0.00	0.00	10	90	80	80	0
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12 Month High	12 Month Low	Stock	Div	Yld	PE Ratio	High	Low	Last	Chg
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Taiwan on Standby for China Flights

By Laurence Zuckerman

TAIPEI — Last October, the authorities officially unveiled the newly refurbished terminal building at the city's domestic airport, including an entire floor that was immediately closed off because there was not enough passenger traffic to justify its use.

Officials said the move was part of an overall plan to upgrade Taiwan's aviation infrastructure, but local airline executives had a very different reading: the government was moving one step closer to allowing direct air links with China.

For at least three years, entrepreneurs and some local officials on both sides of the straits that separate Taiwan from China have been quietly preparing for the resumption of direct flights. The problem is no one knows when it will happen.

At issue are the fares of the millions of Taiwan residents who have visited China since Taipei lifted travel restrictions in 1987. Last year, most of the 1.4 million

people who made that trip were forced to travel by Hong Kong, providing a windfall for the colony's tourist industry and its two airlines: Cathay Pacific Airways and Dragonair.

"Why should we let the British in Hong Kong make all this money?" asked a Taiwan executive. But Taiwan's Nationalist gov-

ernment insists that Beijing must recognize it as a separate political entity before it will allow direct communication and transport links with China. So far, Beijing has refused.

The ban is becoming an increasing nuisance as economic ties between Taiwan and China continue to grow at a breakneck pace. Indirect trade via Hong Kong topped roughly \$7.3 billion last year, a 26 percent increase

over 1991. Much of that trade is conducted by the hundreds of Taiwan companies that have poured investment into China to take advantage of its relatively inexpensive land and labor.

Direct flights would mean that many Taiwan businessmen could fly across the straits in the morning and be home by evening.

rather than take an entire day connecting through Hong Kong. As the pressure builds, Taiwan airlines are acquiring expensive new aircraft in anticipation of the day they will be allowed direct flights.

EVA Airways, the island's new, second international airline, plans to invest \$4 billion buying 28 jets from Boeing and McDonnell Douglas. Company executives claim the airline is concentrating on its international

business, but they do not hide the fact that they have their eye on the mainland market.

"Once the green light is there, we are ready," said James Jeng, a junior vice president at the airline.

TransAsia Airways, the second largest of Taiwan's eight domestic airlines, recently took delivery of two Airbus A-320 jets, a significant step up from the fleet of turboprop aircraft that it operates on its flights from Taipei to Kaohsiung, the island's second largest city. It has ordered six more planes for delivery in 1994.

Last fall, the airline, which is owned by the Golden Sun Group conglomerate, hired Paul Pelletier, a Canadian airline executive with 25 years experience, to manage the carrier.

Mr. Pelletier's first task, he said in an interview, was to figure out what to do with the expensive new aircraft. "We have to be very cautious," he said.

TransAsia now runs charter flights to Manila, Phnom Penh and some small Southeast Asian resorts.

Japan's LDP Seeks To Spur Economy

By Reuters

TOKYO — Japan's governing Liberal Democratic Party, challenging the bureaucracy's approach to the sagging economy, said Wednesday that it would convene a task force to tackle slow growth.

The move shows that politicians, forced out of economic policymaking by two years of scandals, are ready to challenge the Ministry of Finance and Economic Planning Agency, which have opposed calls to supercharge the economy, economists said.

The task force will be led by Hiroshi Mitsuoka, chairman of the Liberal Democratic Party's policy research council. It is scheduled to hold its first meeting next Thursday, a party official said.

Mr. Mitsuoka, an ally of Prime Minister Kiichi Miyazawa, has been an outspoken proponent of further measures to stimulate the economy and is thought to favor tax breaks to help spur consumption, the economist said.

The challenge brought by the panel could force the bureaucrats to compromise on key issues such as undertaking deficit spending.

"The government must not miss taking action at the right time," Mr. Mitsuoka was quoted as saying on Wednesday.

Creation of the panel shows the decision many in the LDP feel ahead of a possible general election later in the year, economists said.

Workers' Pay Trails Growth

By Reuters

TOKYO — During Japan's five years of strong expansion from mid-1986, corporate profits jumped more than 60 percent but wages increased less than 20 percent, the Japanese Trade Union Confederation said Wednesday.

The report from the union group, which is known as Rengo, said that while Japan's gross national product rose by an average 4.3 percent annually for 10 years from 1981, wages increased only 1.5 percent on average and work hours declined by a mere 0.5 percent, the report said.

"Japanese workers have not received their fair share of company profits," a Rengo official said. "I suppose you could call it exploitation."

The finance ministry has strongly opposed measures to get the economy rolling, such as a tax cut. The government already faces a difficult job in balancing the fiscal 1993 budget and further fiscal easing could force it into deficit spending.

China Airlines Stock Flop Bodes Ill for Taipei

By Reuters

TAIPEI — The stock flotation of Taiwan's flag carrier China Airlines has flopped, underlining the depth of the market's cold slump and boding ill for future privatizations, securities analysts said Wednesday.

CAL's public offer of 41 million shares last month was initially oversubscribed, but investors had actually committed funds to buy only 11 percent of the shares by the payment deadline last Saturday, an airline spokesman said.

He said the airline would now seek to sell the roughly 36.5 million shares not taken up through such means as private placements. The offer, at 68 Taiwan dollars (\$2.67) a share, aimed to raise about \$110 million. It would have cut the stake in China Airlines held by the China Aviation Development Foundation to about 80 percent from 85 percent.

"We feel disappointed with the result," the spokesman said, but added that China Airlines still planned to list its stock on the market in late February.

Analysts said the China Airlines offer was a bad omen for future big equity offerings in Taiwan, including privatizations by the government.

"The failure is not CAL's fault," said David Liu of Citic Securities, noting the carrier was highly profitable and was benefiting from Taiwan's overseas travel boom.

The government resumed its privatization program last month with a 3.73 billion dollar public offer of 122 million shares in the state-owned BES Engineering Corp.

Combined with an offer to employees, the public offer would reduce the government's stake in the construction company to 40 percent from 100 percent, making BES the first state company to be transferred into majority private ownership since the 1960s.

The BES public offer was also initially oversubscribed, but a spokesman said Wednesday that it was not optimistic about the amount of shares investors would actually take up.

In addition to BES, the government wants to transfer China Petrochemical Development Corp. and Taiwan Machinery Manufacturing Corp. into majority private ownership.

Nissan Chief Rules Out Strong Profit

By Reuters

OSAKA — Yoshiyuki Tsuji, president of Nissan Motor Co., said Wednesday that it was impossible for the company to achieve a large profit in 1993 and that it must reduce manpower levels.

Mr. Tsuji also said at a news conference that he hoped to reinstate a normal dividend payment in 1994 but he made no specific projections. The company skipped its dividend for the half-year ended in September.

He said that this year the company would begin to adapt itself to produce profit in circumstances where demand did not expand significantly.

"How to make it slim is a key subject," he said, referring to the corporate structure.

Investor's Asia table with columns for Hong Kong, Singapore, Tokyo, and various indices like Nikkei 225, Hang Seng, Straits Times, etc.

Very briefly:

- Taiwan's Board of Foreign Trade said the island planned legislation under which it could impose trade sanctions against other nations.
Taiwan Aerospace Corp. expects to sign a final agreement for a £240 million (\$370 million) venture to make medium passenger jets with British Aerospace PLC on Friday, a newspaper said.
Korea Credit Co. has applied for government permission to take over the South Korean operation of Diners Club International from Citicorp.
The Kuala Lumpur Commodity Exchange won finance ministry approval to diversify into financial-futures trading.
Cold Storage Holdings Ltd. of Singapore, a unit of Goodman Fielder Watfie Ltd. of Australia, is acquiring 70 percent of Standard Containery Sdn. of Malaysia for 15 million ringgit (\$6 million).
Real Estate Economic Institute Co. of Japan said the average price of new apartments sold in the greater Tokyo area fell by 14.1 percent, or 8.34 million yen, to 50,666 million yen (\$404,470) per unit in 1992.
China State Housing & Real Estate Development Group Corp. has been created to play world real estate markets, Xinhua said.
Kawasaki Steel Corp. said Arco Steel Co.'s unprofitable Ohio-based joint venture with Arco Inc. may make further job cuts in its work force of 7,700, after 1,200 layoffs last year.

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SPORTS BASKETBALL

Indiana Edges Out Michigan in 1-Point Big Ten Thriller

The Associated Press
The two best college basketball teams from the country's best conference put on one of the season's best performances. Sixth-ranked Indiana beat No. 2 Michigan 76-75 Tuesday night, Bob Knight's 500th victory with the Hoosiers and his third in as many Big Ten games this season. "I thought that was a great college basketball game," Knight said after career victory 602.

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Alan Henderson kept Knight's reference in a happy frame by scoring the game's final points on a jumper with 1:36 remaining and then blocking two shots, the second a rebound by Chris Webber just seconds before the final buzzer. "The main thing for us tonight is that we stuck together," said Henderson, who had 22 points, eight rebounds and five blocked shots. "We played as hard as we could. And this time, we came out on top."

The Hoosiers (14-2) are now on top of the Big Ten, the conference with seven ranked teams. It's early and the lead is just one-half game over Minnesota, Ohio State and Illinois, but it's a lead.

"We probably played as well as we're capable of tonight," Knight said. It was the fourth game in 15 days against a team ranked in the nation's top 10 for Michigan (12-2, 2-1), which had an 11-game winning streak snapped.

Michigan had plenty of chances to retake the lead after Henderson's game-winner. James Voskuil had a drive blocked by Henderson with 1:13 left. Jalen Rose then raced the length of the court after a steal but missed a layup with 43 seconds left. Indiana's Todd Leary was fouled with 14 seconds left but the Hoosiers were called for a lane violation and the Wolverines had the ball one last time.

Rose, who had 19 points, brought the ball upcourt and flipped it to Voskuil, who missed a 3-point shot from the left corner. The rebound was tipped by Rose to Chris Webber, who got the ball for one last shot, which was blocked by Henderson.

"I saw Voskuil shoot and I saw it would be short," Henderson said. "So I tried to hold my position. When Webber got the ball, I just tried to take a swipe at it and I got a piece of it."

Voskuil said he had a good look at the basket and felt confident. "It should have been made," he said. "I can't really describe the feeling you get when you play your hardest and you don't get what you are after."

No. 9 Arkansas 74, Alabama 66: Scotty Thurman missed two of his first 12 shots, but came back to score 12 points in the final six minutes as the Razorbacks (12-1, 3-0 SEC) rallied at home. Thurman's 3-point shot ended a 10-

0 run — in which he scored the last eight points — that gave Arkansas a 63-58 lead with 5:03 to play. Thurman finished with 21 points, while James Robinson had the same for Alabama (8-4, 1-2), although he did not have a field goal in the final 11 minutes.

Pittsburgh 80, No. 15 Connecticut 78: Antoine Jones' rebound basket at the buzzer gave the Panthers (10-2, 3-2 Big East) their first road victory of the season.

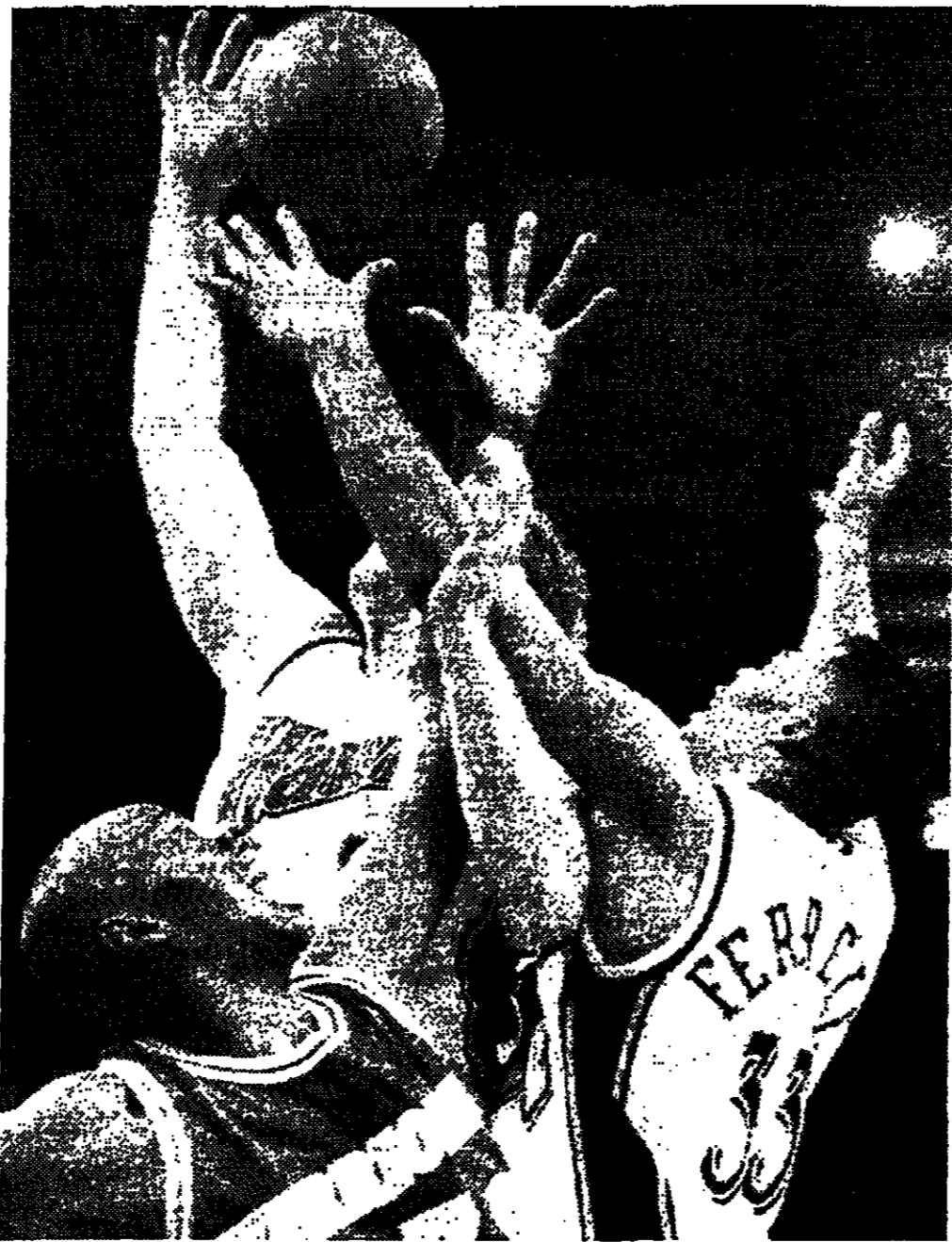
Brian Fair's 3-pointer with 44 seconds left brought the Huskies (7-3, 2-2) into the game's final tie and Pittsburgh worked the clock down for a hook shot by Chris McNeal, which missed but was rebounded by Jones. McNeal and Jerry McCullough each had 19 points for Pitt, while Fair topped Connecticut with 19.

Providence 73, No. 22 Boston College 65: The Friars (7-4, 1-3) won their first Big East game of the season and handed the Eagles (9-3, 3-1) their first league loss. Providence closed the game with a 19-7 run as Michael Smith scored five of his 19 points in the final seven minutes. Howard Easley's 20 points led Boston College, which hasn't won in Providence since 1983.

Kentucky's Brassow Out

Guard Jeff Brassow will be lost to top-ranked Kentucky for two to four weeks after arthroscopic surgery on his right knee, which was scheduled for Wednesday.

The 6-foot-5 (1.96-meter) Brassow tore cartilage in the knee when he bumped it in practice recently, coach Rick Pitino said. Brassow missed last season because of a similar injury.



Tyrone Hill was an under-armed Warrior as Duane Ferrell and Adam Keefe grabbed a rebound for the Hawks, who got both a victory and their star, Dominique Wilkins, back. He scored 28 points.

Mavericks Fire Coach, 2 Can-Do Players Return

The Associated Press
Richie Adubato departed Wednesday, a day after Dominique Wilkins and Clyde Drexler returned.

Adubato was fired as coach of the Dallas Mavericks, who have won only two of their 29 games this year and are on a 12-game losing streak.

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streak. An assistant coach, Gar Heard, will head the team on an interim basis.

Wilkins played for Atlanta for the first time since Dec. 15, returning from a broken finger to score 28 points in a 126-118 victory over Golden State that snapped the Hawks' seven-game home losing streak.

"I really did not expect 'Nique to be able to come back and do what he did," said Atlanta's coach, Bob Weiss. "We don't win this one without Dominique. He drew double teams all night, but he scored."

Drexler, out since Dec. 22 with a sore right knee, had 17 points, nine assists and four steals in a 109-100 Portland victory that extended Denver's road losing streak to 10 games.

The Hawks were 0-5 at home and 4-7 overall in Wilkins' absence.

His 3-point shot with 2:24 remaining gave them a 111-105 lead over the Warriors, who have lost 10 straight games in Atlanta.

Golden State led by 18 points in the second quarter but by halftime the Hawks had closed to 70-62. They continued the rally with a 17-4 run late in the third period, and took a 91-89 lead into the final quarter.

Chris Mullin scored 26 points and Tim Hardaway had a season-high 18 assists for the losers. Stacey Augmon and Mookie Blaylock had 24 points apiece for the Hawks.

Celtics 121, Cavaliers 115: Forwards Kevin McHale and Xavier McDaniel scored 20 points each as Boston's reserves outscored Cleveland's by 67-18. The Celtics stayed unbeaten in 1993 by handing Cleveland only its fifth loss in 20 home games despite Brad Daugherty's season-high 37 points.

The Cavs, who lost for only the third time in 15 games, cut Boston's 10-point lead to 110-106 on a lay-up with 2:09 to play by Mark Price, who had 28 points and 11 assists.

On the Celtics' next possession, McDaniel beat the shot clock with a fadeaway jumper from the foul line, restoring a six-point margin. Daugherty made one of two foul shots before McDaniel drew a foul

and sank both free throws to make it 114-107. The Cavaliers then were forced to foul, and Boston sealed it by making 7 of 10 foul shots in the closing seconds.

Trail Blazers 109, Nuggets 100: Cliff Robinson led Portland with 19 points, while Reggie Williams scored 22 points and Dickmeb Mutombo had a season-high 19 rebounds for Denver.

Drexler was activated before Tuesday's game, and had six points in the first three minutes of the fourth period to help Portland turn an 82-81 deficit into a five-point lead.

SuperSonics 122, Suns 113: Seattle, with the best home record in the NBA, used balanced scoring to beat Phoenix, which has the league's best overall record.

Derrick McKey scored 24 points to lead four Sonics with 20 or more as they improved their record to 16-1 at home and 23-8 overall.

Charles Barkley scored 27 points for the Suns, but had only two in the fourth quarter, when he missed badly on two 3-point attempts. Barkley was 0-for-6 from 3-point range in the game.

Bulls 122, Magic 106: Horace Grant and Scottie Pippen took control of the first meeting between

Michael Jordan and rookie Shaquille O'Neal, leading Chicago to victory in Orlando, Florida.

Grant scored 26 points on 12-for-15 shooting and Pippen had 15 points, 10 rebounds and 10 assists for the Bulls. O'Neal was 8-for-10 from the field, but his first shot was blocked by Jordan, who finished with 23 points.

Pacers 112, 76ers 93: Detlef Schrempf had 20 points, 10 rebounds and 10 assists as Indiana ended Philadelphia's season-best three-game winning streak.

Ultimatum From King

An angry Bernard King has demanded to be either activated from the injured list or released by the Washington Bullets. The Washington Post reported.

King missed the 1991-92 season after arthroscopic surgery on his right knee. He returned to the team on Jan. 1, passed his physical on Jan. 4 and since practiced twice, but the Bullets have not returned the four-time all-star to the roster.

"I've never seen a ballclub fault a ballplayer for returning from an injury," King said, adding that "if it is their decision to release me, then make that choice."

The Champion in Limbo

By Marc Bloom

NEW YORK — Bob Keino, the prince of one of running's royal families, has hit a bureaucratic hurdle in his quest to become the top high school runner in the United States.

Keino, 17, a junior who competes on the track and cross-country teams at Ridgewood High School in New Jersey, is a son of the two-time Olympic gold medalist Kip Keino of Kenya.

The younger Keino's victory in the state cross-country championships in November triggered an inquiry by the New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association, which found Keino and the school to be in violation of state rules. The state body stripped Keino of his state title and other honors on Dec. 21, and suspended him from state-sanctioned competition for the rest of his high school career. The league, which represents 428 high schools, also put the Ridgewood High track and cross-country teams on a two-year probation.

The dispute centers primarily on two issues. One is the failure of the school, upon Keino's arrival in Ridgewood in the fall of 1991, to file with the state a foreign-student application, which is required of foreign students not residing with their parents. The school acknowledges it failed to file the form. The other issue is the state's claim that Keino transferred to the school primarily for "athletic advantage."

Keino and the school maintain that he came to New Jersey from Kenya primarily for academic reasons. Also at issue, indirectly, is a New Jersey policy permitting foreign high-school transfer students one year of athletic eligibility. There is no such restriction on American transfers.

Keino's lawyer, David Fields, has filed both an appeal of the penalties against Keino and a motion for an injunction with the New Jersey Commission of Education. If the injunction is granted, Keino, a B student with an interest in computers, will be able to resume competition while the appeal process continues.

Time is crucial, said Fields, because Keino wants to be eligible to run in the prestigious high school mile at the Millrose Games on Feb. 5 at Madison Square Garden. Keino is still permitted to train with his team.

Fields and the New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association lawyer have hinted that a compromise is under consideration.

But unless Keino is fully exonerated soon, he will probably leave Ridgewood to attend Fort Union Military Academy in Virginia, according to Fred Hardy, an adviser to the Keino family who has helped many Kenyans attend school in the United States.

Hardy, a former track coach at the University of Virginia, said that Kip Keino and his wife, Phyllis, were "shocked" and that they were sending a letter from Kenya affirming their son's original intent to attend Ridgewood High School for the academic opportunity.

Bob is the fourth Keino child to attend American schools. A daughter, Stella, is in her senior year at Notre Dame Academy in Middleburg, Virginia. One son, James, is a Texas A&M graduate, and another, Martin, attended Fork Union and

is now a leading distance runner at the University of Arizona.

Bob Keino is part of a vanguard of talented high-school-age African runners who are gaining recognition in the United States. While African runners have excelled on the collegiate level since the early 1970s, their impact on the high school scene is new.

Last year, Ibrahim Aden of Somalia, at Fork Union, was the top high school miler in the United States, running 4 minutes 57.1 seconds. Last fall, Keino was among

English in an unsalaried position at Rift Valley Academy in Kijabe, Kenya, where Bob Keino was a student. One day, Van Yperan invited students to jog with him regularly. Three students showed up. One was Keino, who, said Van Yperan, quit after three weeks. Van Yperan had no further contact with Keino until the last day of classes, when he met Kip Keino, who had come to pick up his son.

Van Yperan returned to Ridgewood in the fall of 1990. Ten months later, he said he received a

Bob Keino, who is fighting suspension from high school competition, is part of a vanguard of young African runners who are gaining recognition in the United States.

several Africans to capture state high school cross-country titles. Foreign-student programs and eligibility rules vary from state to state. In Oregon in 1991, a dispute arose over the status of Maria Mutola of Mozambique, then the world's sixth-ranked 800-meter runner, who was a student at Springfield High School.

Mutola had come to Oregon on a grant from a branch of the International Olympic Committee. League officials refused to let Mutola compete until she proved academic competency. Once eligible, Mutola won the state cross-country title. She went on to make the finals in both the 800 and the 1,500 at the 1992 Summer Games in Barcelona.

Bob Keino, by contrast, says he was not a competitive runner before coming to the United States. "He was very weak, not an athlete at all," said the Ridgewood High School track coach, Dick Van Yperan, who saw for himself.

In the fall of 1989, Van Yperan took a one-year sabbatical to teach

letter from the Keinos asking if Bob could attend Ridgewood with Van Yperan as his guardian. Van Yperan agreed.

When Keino entered Ridgewood as a sophomore, he went out for cross-country. After training and with physical maturing Keino placed 14th in the 1991 state cross-country meet. He also excelled in track last spring, running the 1,600 meters in 4:17.3 and the 3,200 meters in 9:23.5.

Keino's state victory in November was not his best performance of 1992. In December, he placed fourth in the Kinney High School cross-country championships in San Diego. As the top finisher who was not a senior, he would likely be the 1993 favorite.

Because the Kinney event does not fall under New Jersey rules, should Keino remain at Ridgewood under suspension, he could become a national champion without being eligible to run for his school.

SIDELINES

Reebok to Aid Russian Athletes

MOSCOW (AP) — Russian athletes got a sorely needed financial boost Wednesday when Reebok signed a multimillion-dollar agreement to sponsor them at the 1994 and 1996 Olympics.

The sportswear manufacturer initially wanted to sponsor only basketball, track and field, soccer, gymnastics, swimming and handball. But Russian officials insisted on expanding the number of sports to 20, including the Winter Olympics event of speed skating.

Reebok's vice president, John Boulter, did not disclose the terms of the contract but said "it is the biggest sponsorship contract in the world of sports today."

For the Record

The men's World Cup giant slalom next Tuesday at the Swiss resort of Adelboden and the Jan. 23-24 combined slalom and Lauberhorn downhill at Wengen were called off Wednesday because of poor snow. (Reuters)

Welsch yachtsman Alan Wynne Thomas radioed that he had broken or cracked rib during bad weather Wednesday off Cape Horn but was continuing in the Vendée around the world race. (AP)

Eric Moore, an offensive lineman for the New York Giants, and Mark Duckens, a defensive lineman for the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, were indicted by a federal grand jury in Atlanta on two felony counts of possession with intent to distribute anabolic steroids. (AP)

The Canadian Football League voted to expand to the U.S. cities of Sacramento, California, and San Antonio, Texas. (AP)

Texas A&M said an internal inquiry had confirmed allegations that a prominent alumnus had paid four football players for work last summer that they didn't do. (AP)

James (Buddy) McGirt of the United States, despite a battering in the 12th round, retained his WBC welterweight title in New York with a 12-round unanimous decision over Genaro Leon of Mexico. (AP)

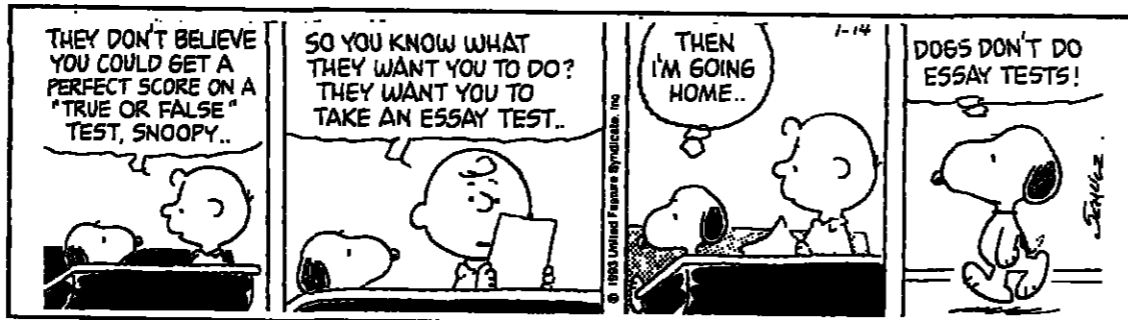
Juan Martin Coggi of Argentina won the WBA junior welterweight title from Morris East of the Philippines when the referee stopped the fight in Buenos Aires in the eighth round. (Reuters)

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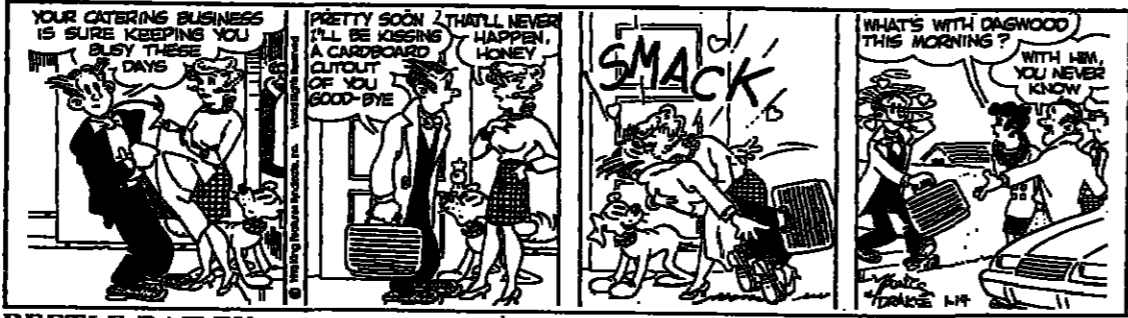


"NO, DEAR, YOU SAY 'AMEN,' NOT 'TEN-FOUR.'"

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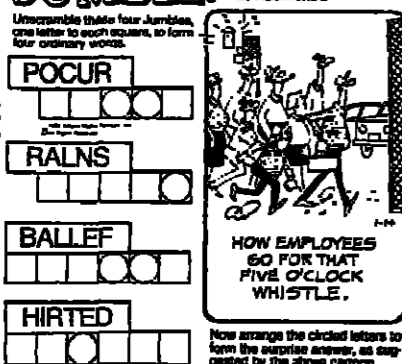
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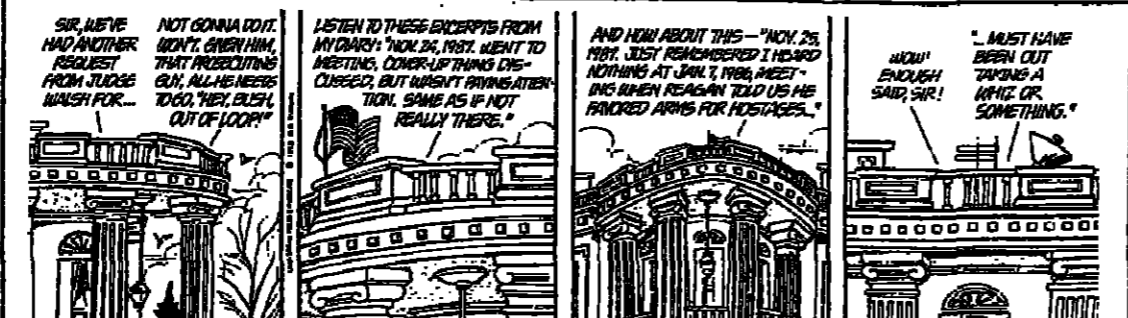
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Rule Baby Boomers!

WASHINGTON — My generation has been respectfully asked to step aside for the new breed of "baby boomers" who insist that they are ready to rule the world.



Art Buchwald

I didn't realize how serious they were about taking over until two boomers in their 40s came into my office and started to pack my papers in boxes.

watch and music to listen to and you kept buying us automobiles to tool around in. We couldn't do it all.

"I don't care if you are in your 40s. I still don't think that you're ready to run the world."

"How can baby boomers run the country when they never learned to make their beds?"

Canada's Third Language

OTTAWA — Chinese has replaced Italian as Canada's third most common language spoken at home, government census data revealed.

Who Are These People? It's in the Courts

By Rone Tempest

PARIS — Who could imagine the bitterness, the anguish, the looming courtroom drama — all because of a romantic smooch nearly 43 years ago on the streets of Paris?



Robert Doisneau's 1950 picture of lovers in Paris: Were they paid models?

Part of the photograph's charm was its anonymity, the half-hidden faces of lovers as they embraced in a flow of solemn pedestrians. It was quintessential "young love" bobbing in a sea of indifference.

photo competition, the retired actress Françoise Borne stepped into the frame. Borne, now 63, said she was fed up with all the attention showered on the Laveragnes and Doisneau.

Doisneau in French courts. Borne has asked for the equivalent of \$20,000 in damages and a percentage of commercial profits. The Laveragnes have asked for \$100,000 and offered to provide expert testimony that they are the couple pictured.

PEOPLE

A Date at the Palace For Japanese Couple

Crown Prince Naruhito and his fiancée, Masako Owada, saw each other Wednesday for the first time since Dec. 25, when the prince introduced her to his parents.

The vitriolic Woody Allen-Mia Farrow custody squabble has turned even uglier. Farrow's lawyer said that in 1990 or 1991, the couple's adopted daughter, Dylan, now 7, saw Allen having sex with Soon-Yi Farrow Previn, now 22.

Madonna's leather-and-chains mode of dress — and undress — has won her the top spot on Mr. Blackwell's list of "Worst-Dressed Women of 1992" and his scorn as a "bare-bottomed bore of Babylon."

The Cathedral of St. John the Divine in New York was filled to bursting with people paying tribute to Dizzy Gillespie, the jazz trumpeter, band leader and innovator who died last week at the age of 75.

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BRIDGE

By Alan Truscott. ONE of the most famous families in England for the past six centuries is that of Cavendish, and its members acquired various titles including that of Duke of Devonshire.



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